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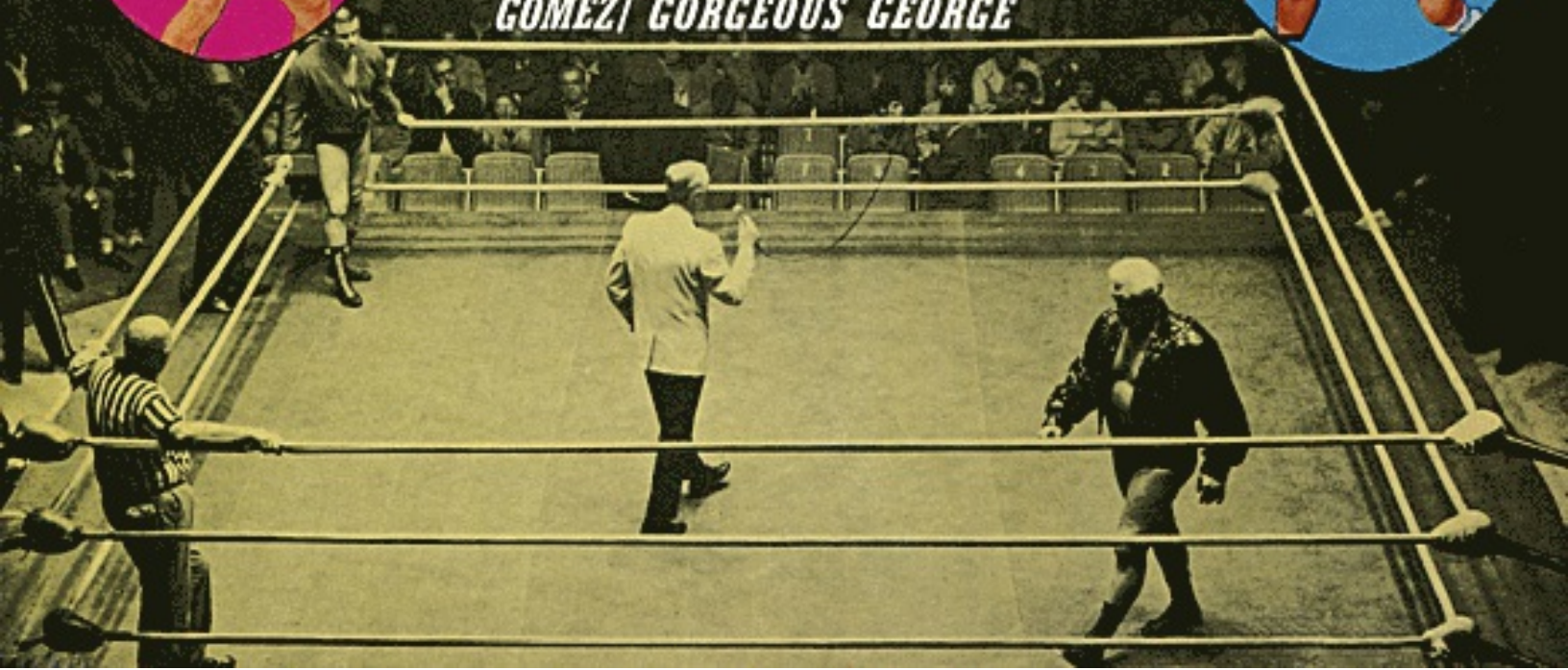

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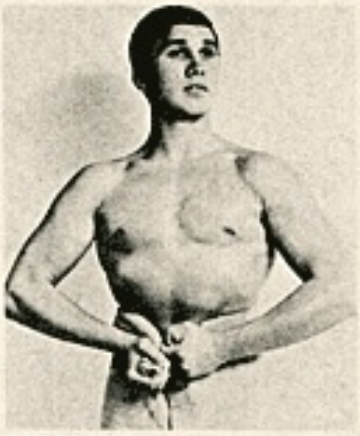

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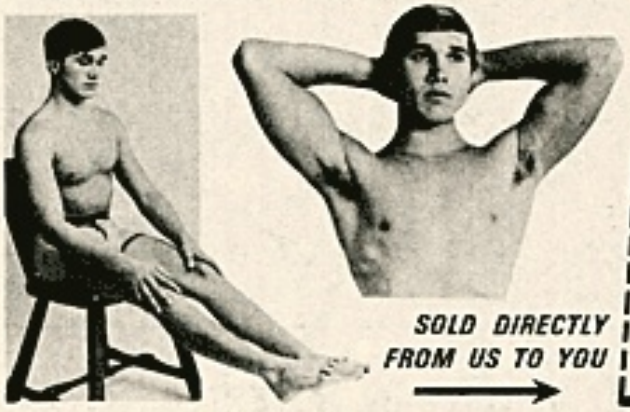

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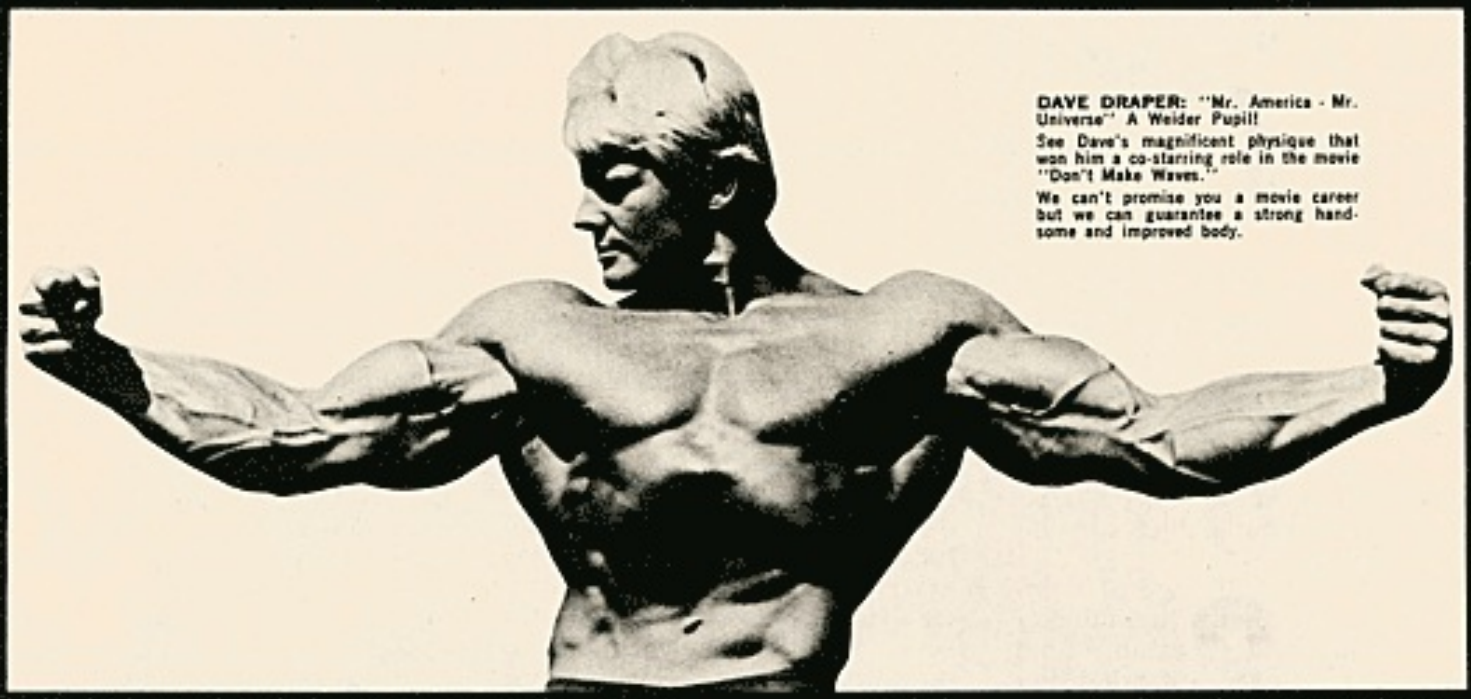

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# HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING, BABY!

WRESTLING LOST TWO of its most beloved heroes in January when JIM HADY died of a heart attack after a bout in Honolulu (see page 58), and the veteran FRANK SCARPA (who also wrestled under the name Manuel Cortez) passed away, also from a heart attack, after a match in Boston.

DANNY HODGE wrote to inform us that he has invented a sensational new wrestling hold which he believes will bring him the world championship before the end of 1969. It couldn't happen to a nicer guy.

Chicago wrestling fans are very hard to anticipate. They either pack arenas to overflowing, or they stay away in droves. In the late 1940's, Chicago was the wrestling capitol of the world. Then it went dead. It got so bad that promoters gave up, refusing to lose any more money, and so far as wrestling was concerned, the great city became a "Ghost" town. But less than a year ago, Chicago suddenly bounced back to life. Fans once again lined up at the box offices and the frenzied tempo that is unique to Chicago mat addicts rocked the arenas and returned the old smiles to promoters' faces. Said the Windy city's dynamic young promoter, Bob Luce, "I never lost my faith in Chicago fans. They are the most loyal people in the world. We brought wrestling back to life in this city by simply giving fans the thrilling kind of action they were used to seeing in the old days. Mark my words, Chicago will again be the wrestling capitol of the world. In fact, I think it is already."

PAT PATTERSON and RAY STEVENS are teamed up again and rolling along better than ever. It's good to see THE MUMMY back in action. You might hate him for all his fouling, but you have to admit that he is excitingly different to watch.

VICTOR RIVERA and HAYSTACK CALHOUN work beautifully as a team. Rivera tells us that he still can't believe how fast Haystack is for a man his size. "Before I began teaming up with Calhoun," Rivera says, "I guess I considered him just a freak. How wrong I was. Haystack is really a great wrestler and I am proud to be associated with him. And I think we have a better than 50-50 chance of winning the world title."

With video tapes of New York and Boston bouts being shown in the San Francisco area, great Eastern stars like Bruno Sammartino, Ed Carpentier, Killer Kowalski and that big Gorilla named Monsoon are as familiar in Northern California as they are in cities along the Atlantic Coast.

Did you know that U.S. Champion FRITZ VON ERICH insists that he is the top money-earner in wrestling? We didn't look at Fritzie's bank book, but we are not about to bet that he's wrong.

Wishes we would like to see come true; SWEET DADDY SIKI singing on Johnny Carson's Coast-to-Coast TV show; NICK and JERRY KOZAK working together regularly as a tag team; "WHIPPER" BILLY WATSON getting still another crack at GENE KINISKI's title; BRUNO SAMMARTINO in a return bout with BILL WATTS; FRED BLASSIE leading a Civil Rights march on Washington; LORD LAYTON playing the part of a private eye in a British movie; PENNY BANNER and her husband JOHNNY WEAVER celebrating their anniversary at a big party in Atlanta; ERNIE LADD behaving himself; NICK BOCKWINKLE getting at least some of the credit he deserves for being a great wrestler; "BULL" CURRAY and his son, FRED, sticking together as a tag team long enough to win the world championship; girl wrestling legalized in all 50 states; GORILLA MONSOON on a low calorie diet; a return bout between ANTONINO ROCCA and BUDDY ROGERS; "MAD DOG" VACHON in jail, where he belongs!; VERNE GAGNE launching a coast-to-coast network of wrestling schools to encourage youngsters who dream of becoming professional wrestlers; THE SHEIK sent back to Arabia; SAMMARTINO and KINISKI battling it out in a finish match to decide, once and for all, who is the *real* heavyweight champion of the world; an opportunity in professional wrestling for young men who weigh from between 150 and 175 pounds; MIKE CLANCY making a comeback; BILLY "RED" LYONS getting the credit he deserves for being one of the world's finest wrestlers.

MAD DOG VACHON

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As one who has been a firm believer in astrology all her life, I again want to congratulate you for a magnificent and completely original piece of work.

DORIS COMPTON
Pottstown, Pa.

I was delighted to read in the horoscope of Ed Carpentier that he will be wrestling here in Paris this year. As you probably know, Ed is the most popular French athlete in the world and everytime he comes home, even for a short, non-working visit, he is greeted like the famous star he is. I have told all my friends that Ed will be with us again soon, and that we will have the opportunity of seeing him perform in the ring as only he can. Thank you for the advance information.

PIERRE BOUCHER
Paris, France

You warned the Sheik that he might be injured while travelling this year. All I have to say, after seeing this maniac mutilate so many of our young American boys, is that I hope he travels a great deal this year. In fact, I will even pay for some of his trips—like the one back to Arabia!

MARTIN
Detroit, Mich.

I have known Penny Banner for many years and I want to tell you how pleased we both were that you published her horoscope along with those of the so many other famous stars. The only thing we didn't like about your forecast was that Penny will be away from her Atlanta home for longer periods.

JANE MURRAY
Rome, Ga.

## WHY 'BLACKJACK' CHANGED

Big, bad Blackjack at work.

I recently read the Feb/69 issue of **The Wrestler** and I would like to say that I consider it a spectacular magazine. However there are a few comments I want to make: the article on "Blackjack" Lanza was very good, but it failed to mention the real reason why Lanza changed from hero to villain. In my opinion that reason was his loud-mouth manager, Bobby Hennin. What happened to Lanza is sad because he was one of the best wrestlers in the world until Mr. Hennin stepped into the picture.

DANNY KOEHLER
Lincolnwood, Illinois

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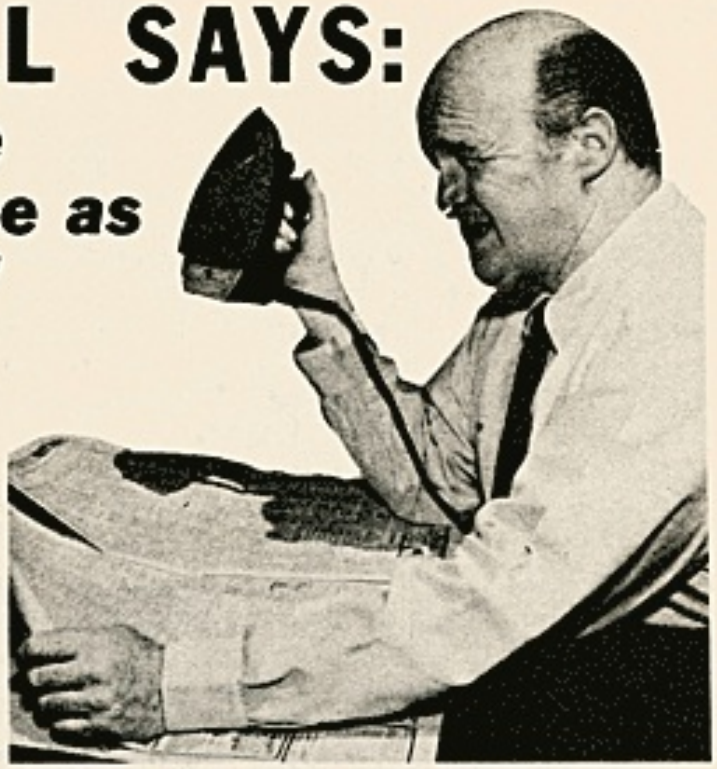

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## *MEN VS. WOMEN*

Walter Spradley is so wrong when he says that women can't defeat men in wrestling matches (Letters, March/69). I am a 16 year old high school girl; tall and husky, with very powerful legs. There are few boys I cannot pin in a wrestling match. Not long ago, I was at a pool when a big bruiser who looked to be about 20 years old called me an ugly name. I was furious and the result was a wrestling match on the spot. He was very strong, but when I caught him around the body with my legs (a scissors hold) he started to scream and beg for mercy. I punished him a little longer, rubbed his face into the ground and then released him. He left in a big hurry amid the hoots of the people who had been watching. Now none of the boys will accept my challenge to wrestle.

BETH JONES
Sebring, Florida

I am another one of those men who doesn't believe that even a very powerful woman, with tremendous strength in her legs, like Janet Piers, can defeat a man of average size and strength. Ask Miss Piers if she would be interested in taking me on and let me know. I'm not only ready, I am also willing to travel.

MERRILL CLASMAN
Monterey Park, Calif.

I read with interest the two letters you published that were written by Janet Piers and I say more power to her. I fully agree with her when she says that many women are capable of defeating men in wrestling matches. Miss Piers said that she would be willing to send your magazine pictures of her wrestling men. I hope you take her up on that offer and published the pictures for all to see.

TOM CONDON
E. Milton, Mass.

## *HE'S NO PRUDE*

**I just finished reading THE WRESTLER (Feb/69). I enjoyed most of it, but why, oh why did you have that article "Two Angels Fight The Devil's Curse"? I'm no prude, but I would expect to find articles like that in men's magazines, not in a sports publication like THE WRESTLER.**

**The idea of publishing newspaper clippings from around the country is great, but please lay off such titles as "Go-Go Where The Action Is."**

**More bout coverage, please, and less space-wasters such as that caption bit.**

**RED THE FAN**
**East Detroit, Mich.**

The "old" LaRue (far rt.) and the new.

## *LIKED LA RUE AS HER OLD 235 LB. SELF*

**I believe the article that will make the Nov/68 issue of INSIDE WRESTLING a collector's item is the one about Bernice LaRue. It is good to see her back in action, even though I much prefer her as her old 235 lb. self instead of this new trimmed-down version.**

**Although I enjoy your articles about girl wrestling most of all, I consider your coverage of the Mixed Match (INSIDE WRESTLING, Jan/69) in poor taste. When a match gets as out-of-hand, as that one did, something should be done to protect the women.**

**By the way, there is so much amateur girl wrestling taking place these days and all over the world that I think it would be a good idea to give these bouts coverage in your splendid publications. Remember, many of these amateurs will eventually become professionals, and it would be worthwhile to let the public in on their progress from the very beginning.**

**RICHARD J. CROSS**
**Newfoundland, Canada**

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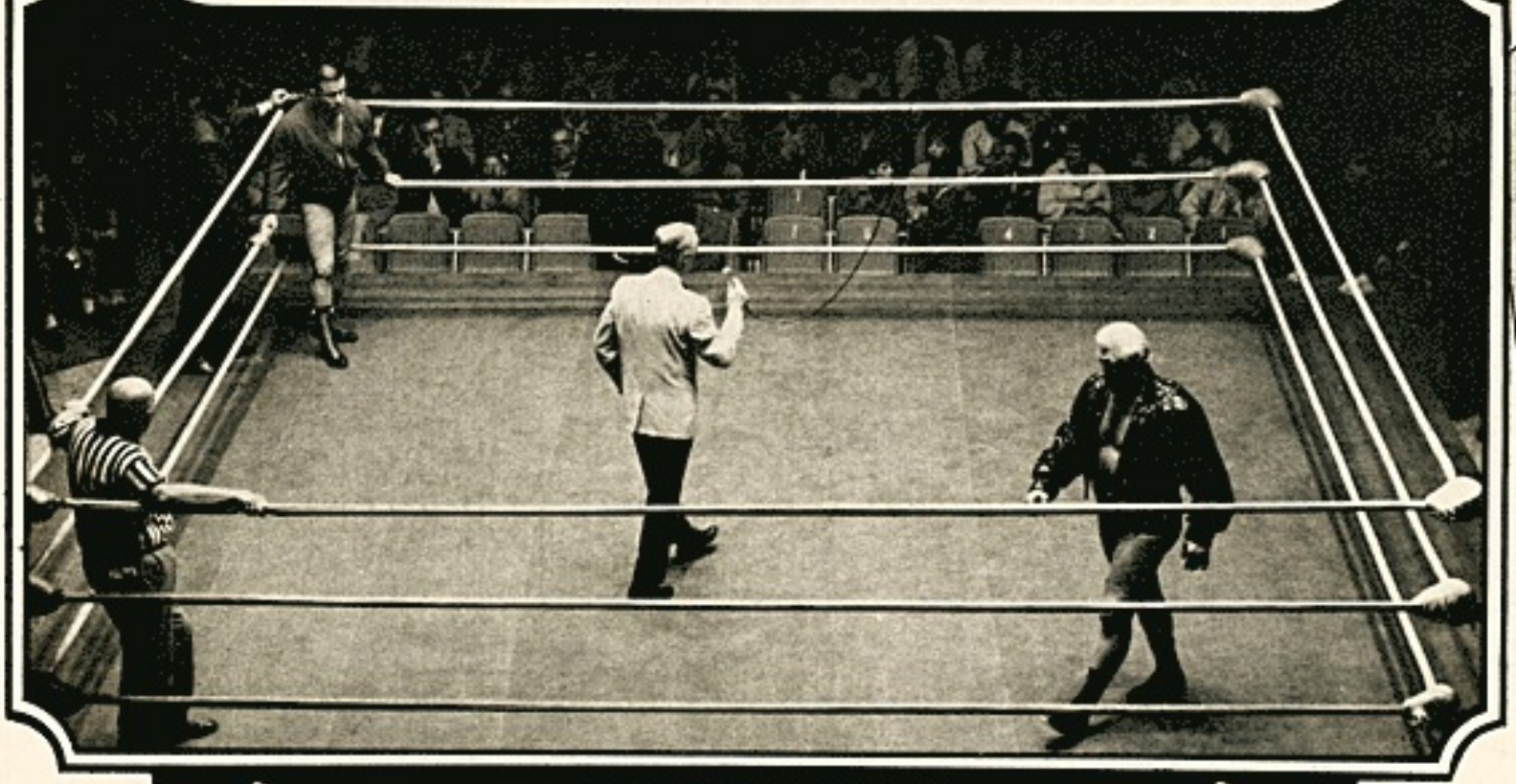

COLLECTOR'S ISSUE
SPECIAL

MY TOUGHEST BOUT

THE QUESTION MOST ASKED EVERY WRESTLER IS, "WHAT WAS YOUR TOUGHEST BOUT?" MOST OF THE TIME THE WRESTLER WILL ANSWER WITH THE FIRST NAME THAT POPS INTO HIS HEAD—USUALLY WITH THE NAME OF A RECENT OPPONENT, OR, IN HOPES OF BUILDING THE GATE FOR A FUTURE BOUT, GIVE THE NAME OF SOMEBODY HE IS SCHEDULED TO WRESTLE. WHEN THE EDITORS OF INSIDE WRESTLING DECIDED TO BUILD THIS SPECIAL ISSUE AROUND THE "TOUGHEST BOUT" THEME, THEY PROCEEDED ON THE THEORY THAT IN ORDER FOR A WRESTLER TO PROPERLY RECALL THE TOUGHEST BOUT HE EVER HAD WOULD REQUIRE HIM TO THINK BACK OVER HIS ENTIRE CAREER, AND ALSO THAT THIS REFLECTING WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE IN A QUIET, UNDISTURBED ATMOSPHERE. THE FIRST THING OUR EDITORS DID WAS CONTACT ALL OF THE DESIGNATED WRESTLERS AND PERSONALLY BRIEF THEM ON WHAT WE WERE AFTER. THE WRESTLERS WERE ASKED TO CAREFULLY THINK ABOUT THE QUESTION AND WHEN THEY HAD MADE UP THEIR MINDS TO CONTACT OUR EDITOR. "TAKE ALL THE TIME YOU NEED," THE WRESTLERS WERE TOLD. SOME OF THEM DID TAKE A LOT OF TIME. THE DESTROYER, FOR EXAMPLE, TOOK SEVEN WEEKS TO FINALLY NAME GORGEOUS GEORGE AS HIS TOUGHEST OPPONENT, WHILE ED CARPENTIER HAD HIS ANSWER IN A MATTER OF SECONDS, "KILLER KOWALSKI." TO GATHER AND COMPILE ALL THE MATERIAL REQUIRED FOR THIS SPECIAL ISSUE WAS A LONG AND TEDIOUS JOB, BUT WE BELIEVE THE END RESULT WAS WORTH ALL THE TIME AND EFFORT. WE HOPE YOU DO, TOO.

The Editor

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## SPECIAL SERIES NO 1

# BRUNO SAMMARTINO VS. 'COWBOY' BILL WATTS

### *'MY TOUGHEST BOUT'*

**February 23, 1965**

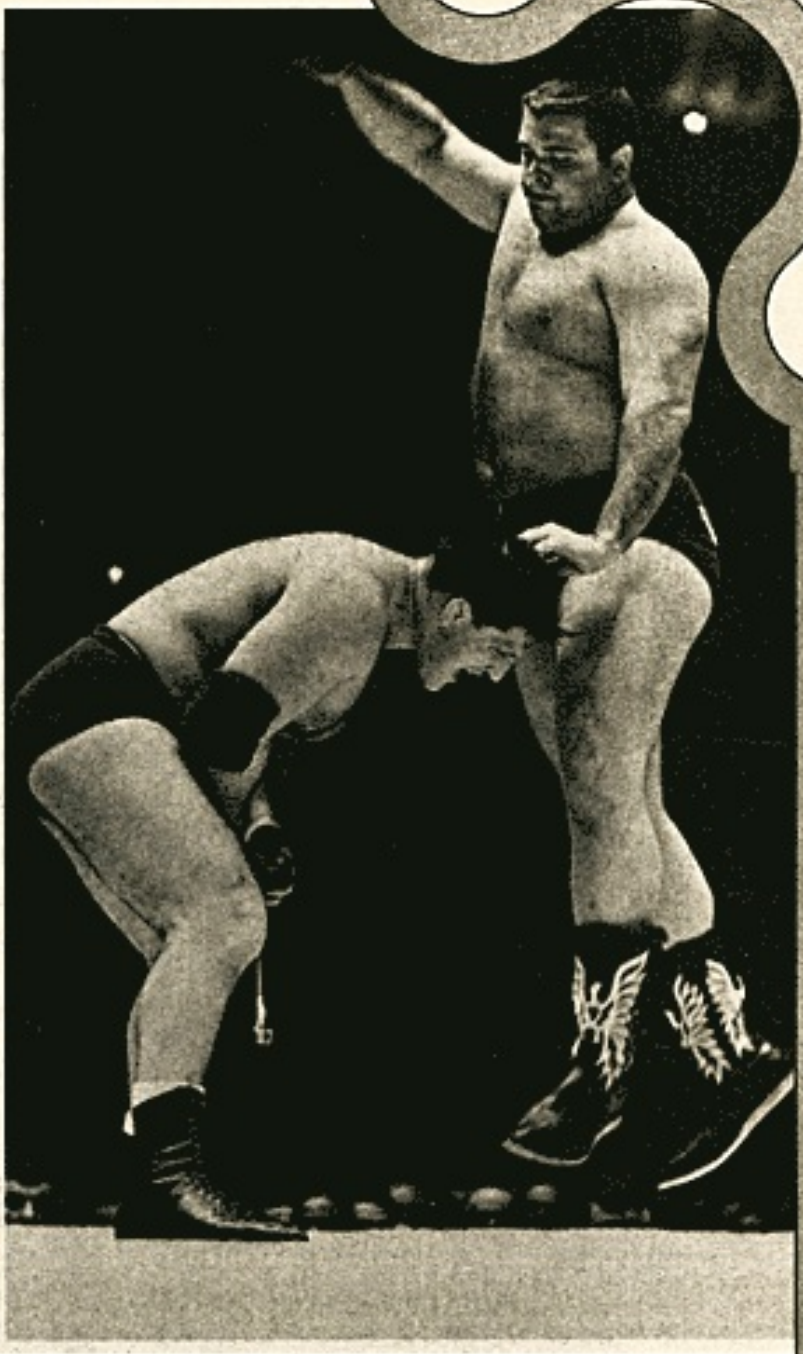
**NEW YORK CITY**

I had to think for quite some time to answer the question: "Who Gave me My Toughest Bout?" After all, I wrestled every top star over the last 10 years. But I have to say that Bill Watts was the guy who gave me the most hell. We had wrestled a few times before that big one in Madison Square Garden, but the Feb. '65 match was just plain murder. I still think Watts is nuts, a wild man and a killer! I lost that match on a foul, but I still think the referee must have been blind. Watts gave me hell. I admit it. But I never fouled him. From the bottom of my heart I tell you that I never fouled him. In fact, to this day I don't know what that referee based his decision on. Watts kicked me repeatedly, but I more than held my own against him with assorted arm and leg locks. The only good memory I have of that night was the record gate: $61,384.17.

**WRITTEN AND APPROVED**

*By B. Sammartino*

*Watts can use his fists and his feet with more destructive effects than any man I have ever wrestled (below and far right). But I was sure that if I could get him just right in my bear-hug he would be finished. I thought I had him where I wanted (right), but he gave me his knee in the groin and I had to release the hold. We used the hammerlock (below, right) to good effect, but neither could score a fall with it.*



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## SPECIAL SERIES No. 2

# RAY STEVENS VS. PEPPER GOMEZ

### 'MY TOUGHEST BOUT'

**January 26, 1963**

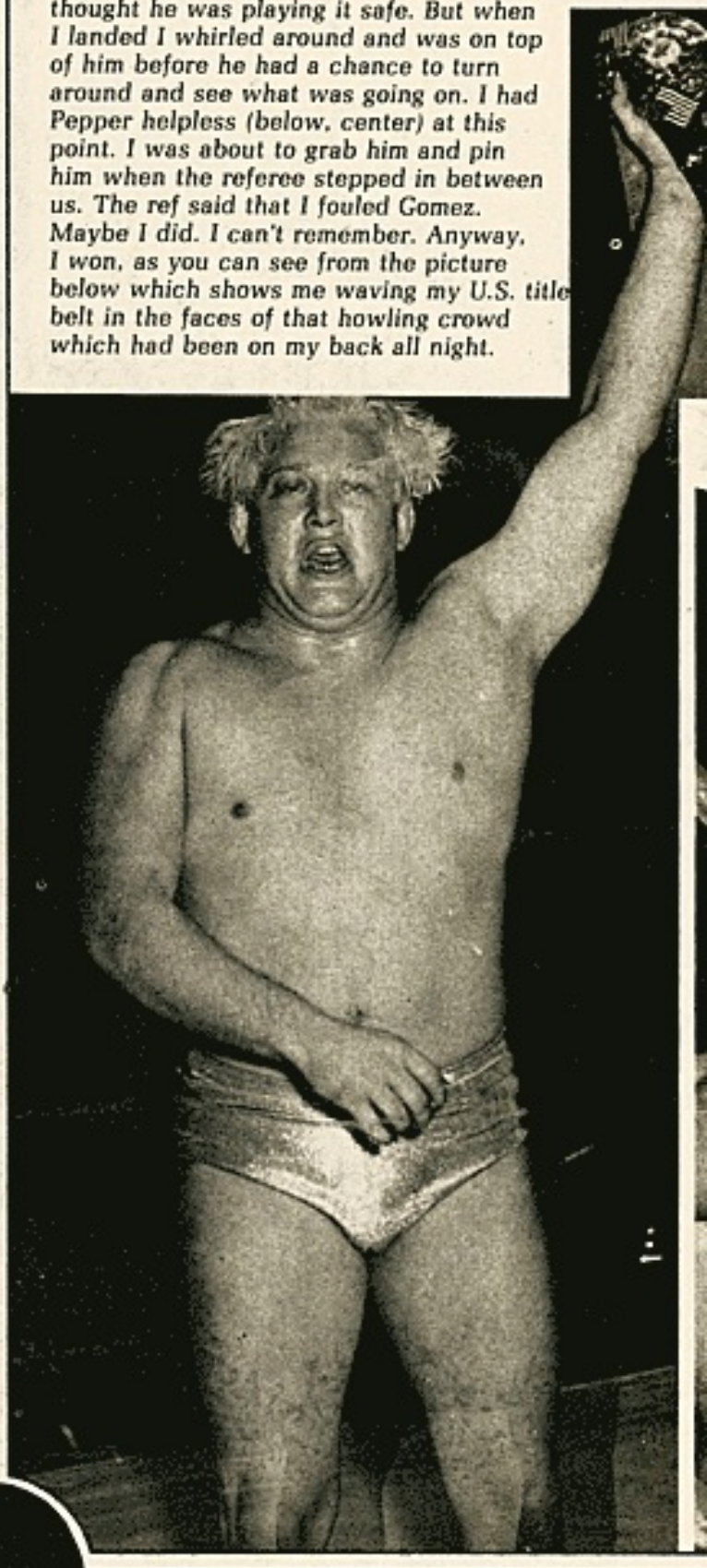
**SAN FRANCISCO**

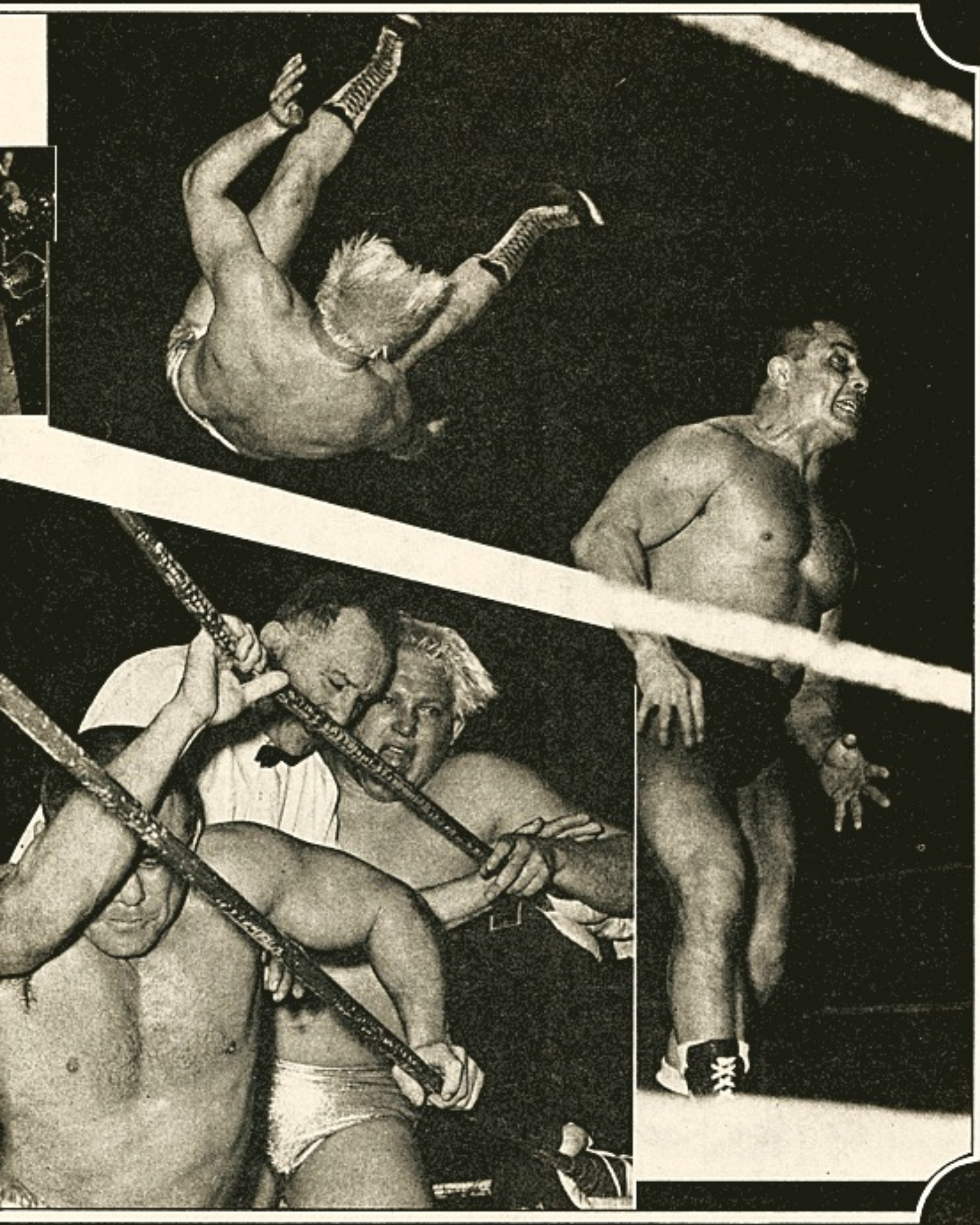
In a profession where a man's mood usually determines the way he performs in the ring, I have come to regret certain things I have done to certain opponents. A few years ago, I was capable of killing an opponent if I thought that was the only way I could win. I still put everything I have into my work, just as I always did, but today I will usually stop at a certain point. The toughest match I ever had is also a match I regret. I regret some of the things I did in that match to a great wrestler, Pepper Gomez. I beat Pepper. Beat him badly. But I did some things the referee never saw that really softened Pepper up for the finish. And how that little guy (we call him "little" because he is short for a wrestler, but what he lacks in height he more than makes up with his great strength and tremendous skill and speed), Pepper gave me hell from the start. He drop-kicked me so often I wasn't sure whether I was in Frisco or Honolulu.

**WRITTEN AND APPROVED**

*By Ray Stevens*

*That's me flying through the air (right) about 5 ft. off the ground. Pepper didn't know what to do so he played it safe and simply turned his back on me. At least he thought he was playing it safe. But when I landed I whirled around and was on top of him before he had a chance to turn around and see what was going on. I had Pepper helpless (below, center) at this point. I was about to grab him and pin him when the referee stepped in between us. The ref said that I fouled Gomez. Maybe I did. I can't remember. Anyway, I won, as you can see from the picture below which shows me waving my U.S. title belt in the faces of that howling crowd which had been on my back all night.*





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## SPECIAL SERIES No. 3

# ANTONINO ROCCA VS. BUDDY ROGERS

### 'MY TOUGHEST BOUT'

**February 17, 1963**

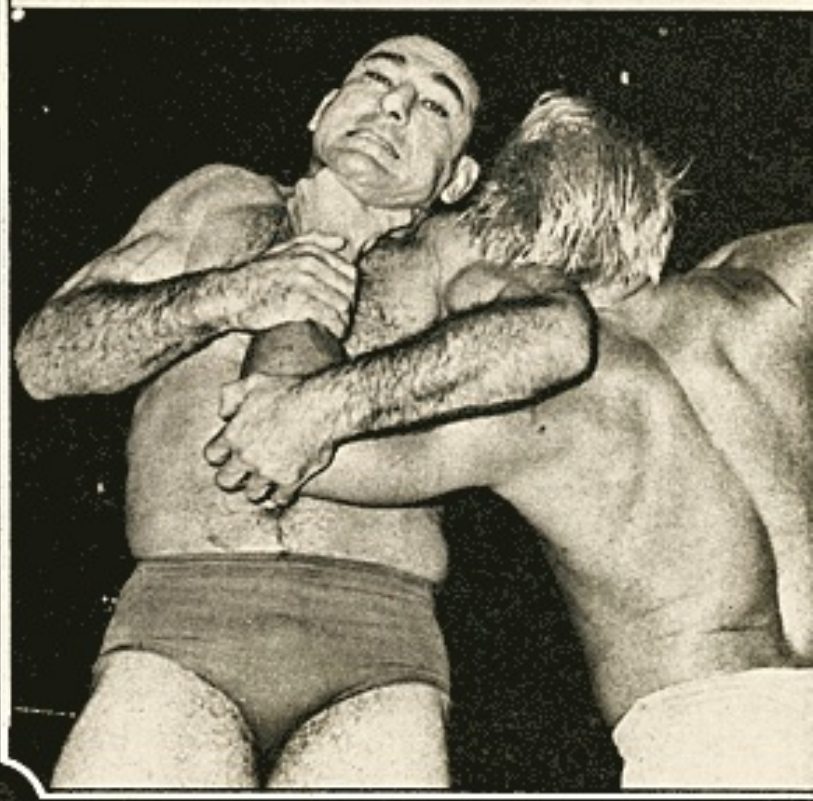
**NEW YORK CITY**

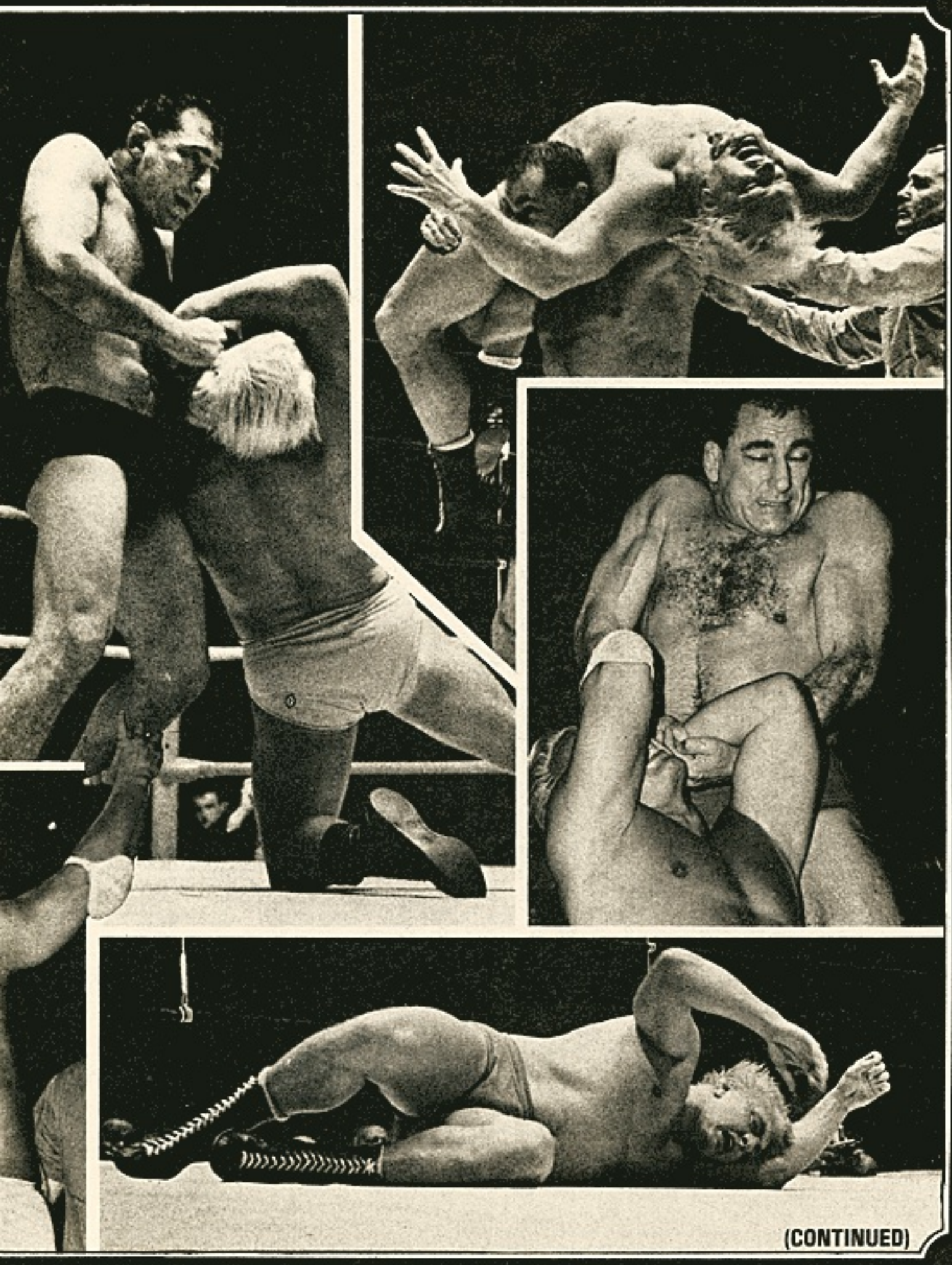
The one thing Buddy Rogers could not stand was to have an opponent twist and bend his legs. I learned that the first time I was in the ring with Rogers, and everytime I was in with him after that I centered my attack on his legs. The reason I call this particular match in New York with Buddy "the toughest I ever had" is because he was ready for me then as he had never been ready before. He had figured out a defense for his legs and he bugged me with it all night. Every time I even looked at his legs he took a step towards me and brought his knee up into my body. During that whole bout I was never able to touch his legs. Of course he was fouling me all the time, and I kept asking the referee to disqualify him. But the referee let him get away with it. When I got back to the dressing room my body was covered with lumps and every time I took a breath it felt like somebody was sticking a knife into me. That is a bout I want to forget.

**WRITTEN AND APPROVED**

*By Antonino Rocca*

*Rogers was a master at choking opponents (below) in such a way that the referee seldom caught him in the act. I spit blood for a whole month after this bout. I worked a lot on Buddy's arms (right and far right) with the idea of neutralizing his attacks. The strategy slowed him down only a little. I knew I had him when I raised him to my shoulders (top, right), bounced him up and down a few times, spun around as fast as I could to make him dizzy, then slammed him to the mat just as hard as I could. The first fall was mine. You can see the condition Rogers was in after he hit the floor (below, right). I should have walked away with his title that night, and I would have if it had not been for a referee whom I still say was blind.*





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## SPECIAL SERIES No. 4

# EDOUARD CARPENTIER VS. KILLER KOWALSKI

### 'MY TOUGHEST BOUT'

**July 19, 1960**

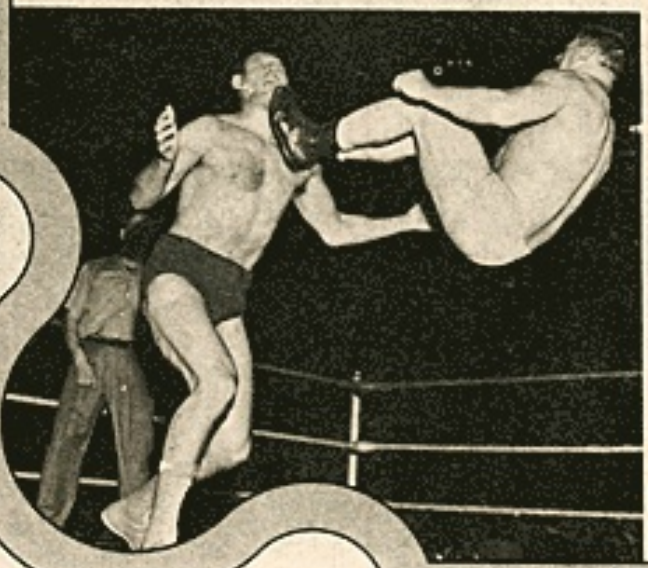
**MONTREAL, CANADA**

I look at my body and see a lot of scars; scars of all sizes and shapes. I have a very good memory and I can remember where all those scars came from. More than half of them came from the fists and feet of the wildest wrestler who ever lived—Killer Kowalski. I must have wrestled Kowalski at least 25 times. Every match was a bloody war, but the worst one of all was the one in Montreal on July 19, 1960. I don't want to make it sound like a joke, but on that night, the Killer nearly killed me. He nearly tore my guts out with knee-drops. I have been hit with knee-drops by the best men in the business—Jerry Graham, Fritz Von Erich and the Bruiser—but none of them could even come close to delivering the terrible effects that Kowalski could deliver with his murderous knee-drops. I didn't even know where I was through most of that bout. But I do know that I was lucky to be able to limp out of that ring with my life. I won the match, but I still don't know how.

**WRITTEN AND APPROVED**

*By Ed Carpentier*

*Because Kowalski was so much taller than me, I figured the first thing I had to do was cut him down to my size. The best way for me to do that was to hit him and hit him hard with dropkicks (below). The strategy did deliver the effects I wanted. It also made Kowalski go on the defensive, which is something he rarely does. When I had him weakened, I went to flying mares (right). Now and then I hurt him badly with leg flips (far right) and plain old smacks in the face (far right, below). But the hold that finished Kowalski and gave me the victory was the reverse "Indian Death-lock" (below, center).*



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**SPECIAL SERIES No. 5**

# LINDA CARROLL VS. TONI ROSE

*'MY TOUGHEST BOUT'*

**April 15, 1966**

**ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

I haven't been wrestling very long, and I still can't understand why those editors picked me to tell about my toughest match when there are so many other girls who have so much more experience. Anyway, my answer to the question is Toni Rose. There is no doubt that Toni is the strongest and meanest girl I have ever wrestled. She's unreal! There is no limit to what she will do just to win a wrestling match. The thing that makes Rose so terribly dangerous is that in addition to her tremendous power, she has a great knowledge of wrestling holds. She switched so fast from leglocks to headlocks that I didn't know whether to jump or to lay down. Toni doesn't care in what part of her opponent's anatomy she sinks the toes of her shoes. It's okay for male wrestlers to kick their opponents in the chest, but women? No! The danger is too great. I was very lucky to have beaten Toni Rose that night. Maybe I can do it again.

**WRITTEN AND APPROVED**

*By Linda Carroll*

*Toni Rose was much bigger and stronger than me. I knew that if I let her lock me into a corner or get me in any other position which would give her even a temporary advantage, I was a sure loser. I had the edge on her in only two things: speed and agility, and I had to make the best possible use of them. When she got on top of me and was about to try for a pin, I flipped her off (below). When she tried to move in on me from behind, I smacked her face down on the thigh of my raised leg (top, far right). The final pin came with lightening speed (bottom, far right). She missed a drop-kick and I caught both her legs, lifted them as far backward as possible and that was it.*

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SPECIAL SERIES No. 6

# JIM HADY VS. SWEET DADDY SIKI

## 'MY TOUGHEST BOUT'

**January 24, 1963**

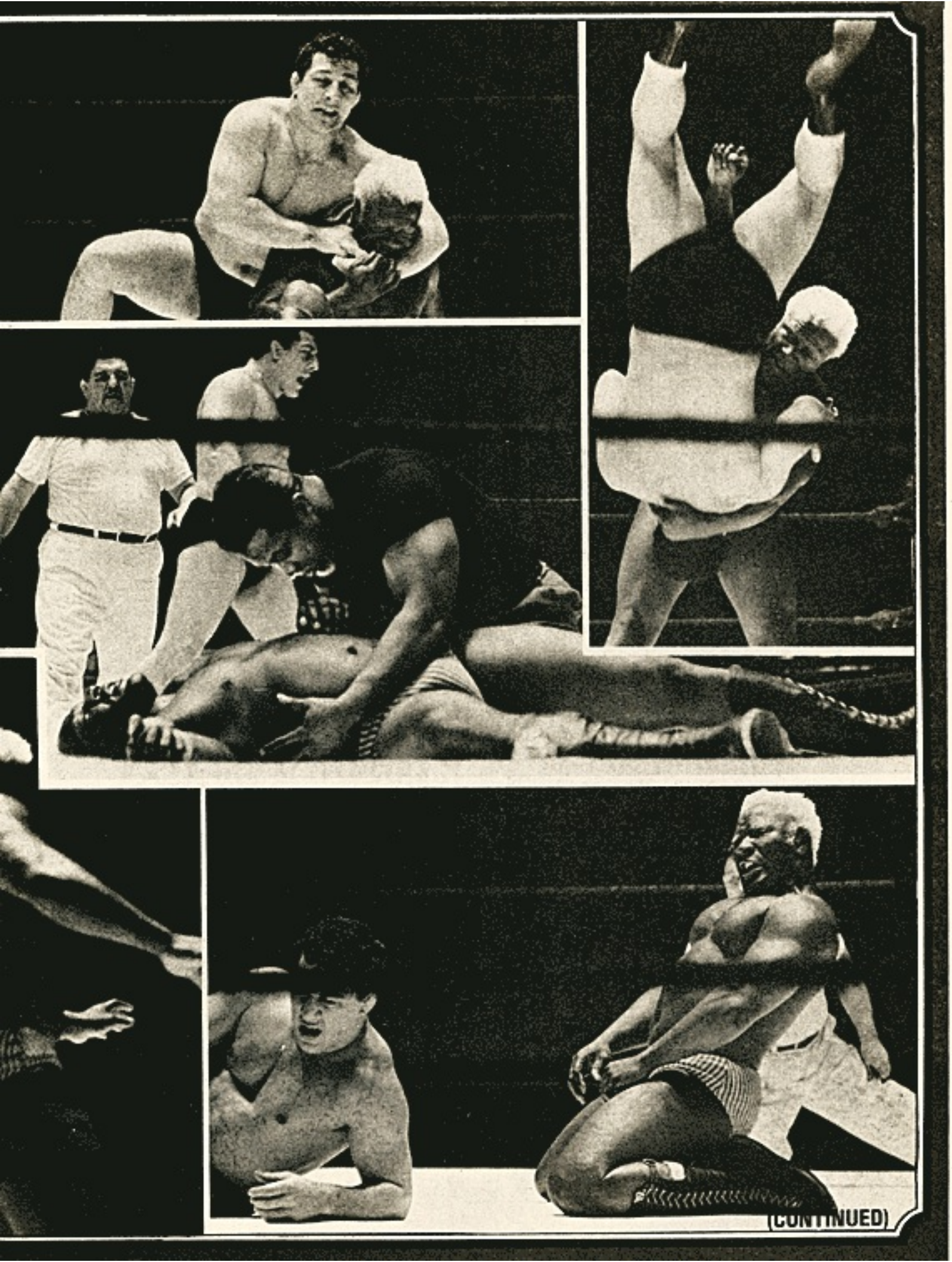
**TORONTO, CANADA**

Before I go into the ring with an opponent, I have my strategy planned. The style I use for a particular bout depends on the style of my opponent. As I look back over the years, I can think of only one opponent who gave me problems when I tried to plan my strategy—Sweet Daddy Siki. The reason he gave me problems was because he could do so many things so well. In other words, I could not figure out a weakness in his armor. I expected to be in for a very rough time with Siki. I was so right. He kept switching styles from one minute to the next, making it impossible for me to stick with any one particular strategy. He reminded me of a baseball pitcher who has the ability to throw every pitch in the book. I regret, however, that I must say that I lost this, the toughest match of my career. (Editor's note: We are saddened to report that soon after he wrote this, Jim Hady died of a heart attack after a match in Hawaii.)

WRITTEN AND APPROVED

*By Jim Hady*

*Remember this about Sweet Daddy Siki: If you relax your guard against him for a fraction of a second, chances are you'll find yourself flat on your back with him on top of you. Or you could even find yourself turned upside down, as I did (below.) Siki has an excellent headlock (top, right), and a fantastic body slam (top, far right). We were both groggy at the end (bottom, opp. page), but I got my senses back first and was very lucky to pull the match out of the fire. The man who is bending over Siki (center, right) is his manager, Duke Noble.*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## SPECIAL SERIES No. 7

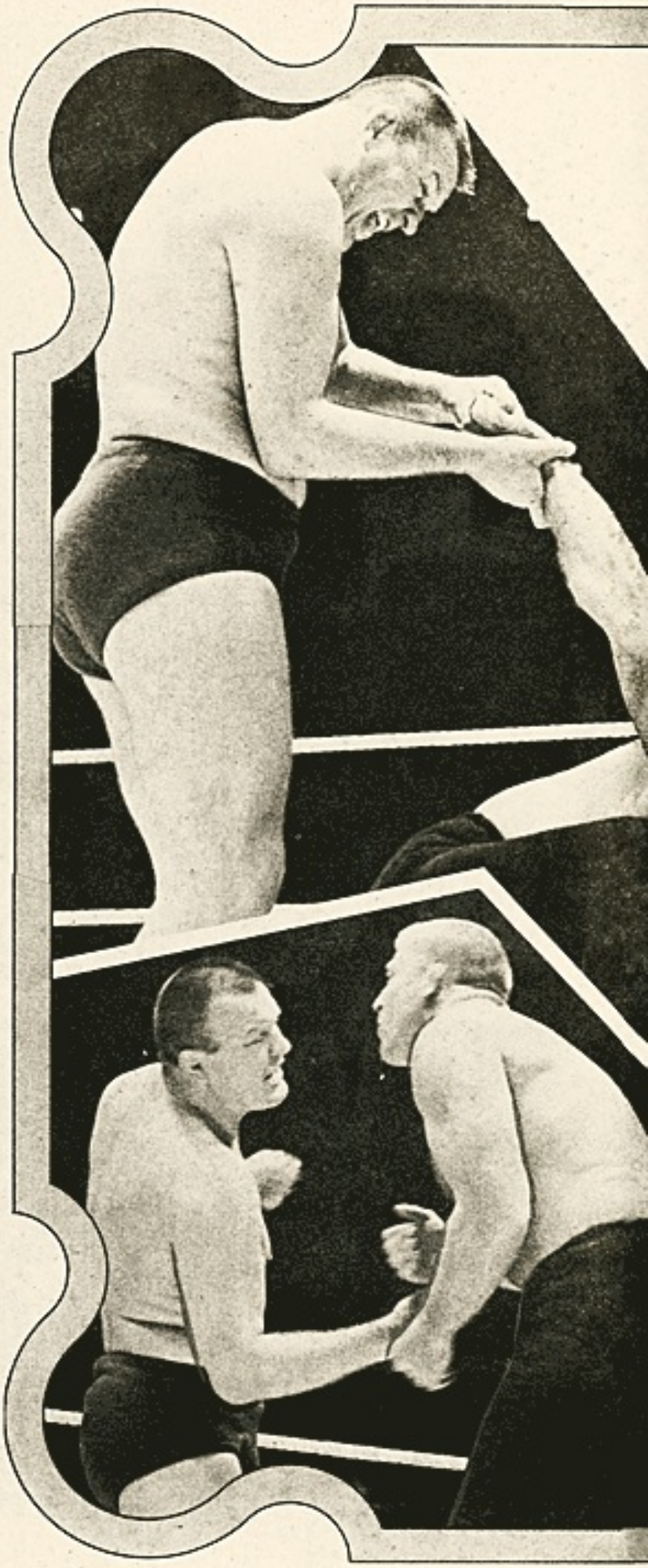
# GENE KINISKI VS. WILBUR SNYDER

### *'MY TOUGHEST BOUT'*

**October 9, 1960**

**ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**

I never liked Wilbur Snyder from the first day I met him, which was back in 1958. But I'm the kind of guy who never lets personal feelings interfere with my judgment. So I have to admit that Snyder is a terrific wrestler. We wrestled around 2 dozen times over the years, but the match that stands out in my mind was that war we had in St. Louis in 1960. Buddy Rogers was the champion at the time and promoter Sam Muchnick promised the winner of the bout between Snyder and me a title shot at Rogers. You can imagine how badly I wanted to beat Snyder. Naturally Snyder was just as determined to beat me. That's why it was such a violent match. That's why I damned near killed Snyder and Snyder damned near killed me. Neither of us won. The bout was a draw. And I had to wait more than four years to win the title. I have had hundreds of bouts since I wrestled Snyder in 1960, but none were as tough as that one.



**WRITTEN AND APPROVED**

*By Gene Kiniski*

*I am going to give a free but very valuable piece of advice to all of Wilbur Snyder's future opponents: don't let him wrap his legs around you! I let him do it a couple of times to me in this bout and I damned near got killed (right and below, right). I have another bit of advise for the guys who will wrestle Snyder: he can't stand getting his hands worked on (left). I think the guy has weak hands or maybe some old broken bones in his paws never mended properly. Naturally I hacked away at his hands.*

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SPECIAL SERIES No. 8

# BOBO BRAZIL VS. FRITZ VON ERICH

*'MY TOUGHEST BOUT'*

**November 23, 1962**

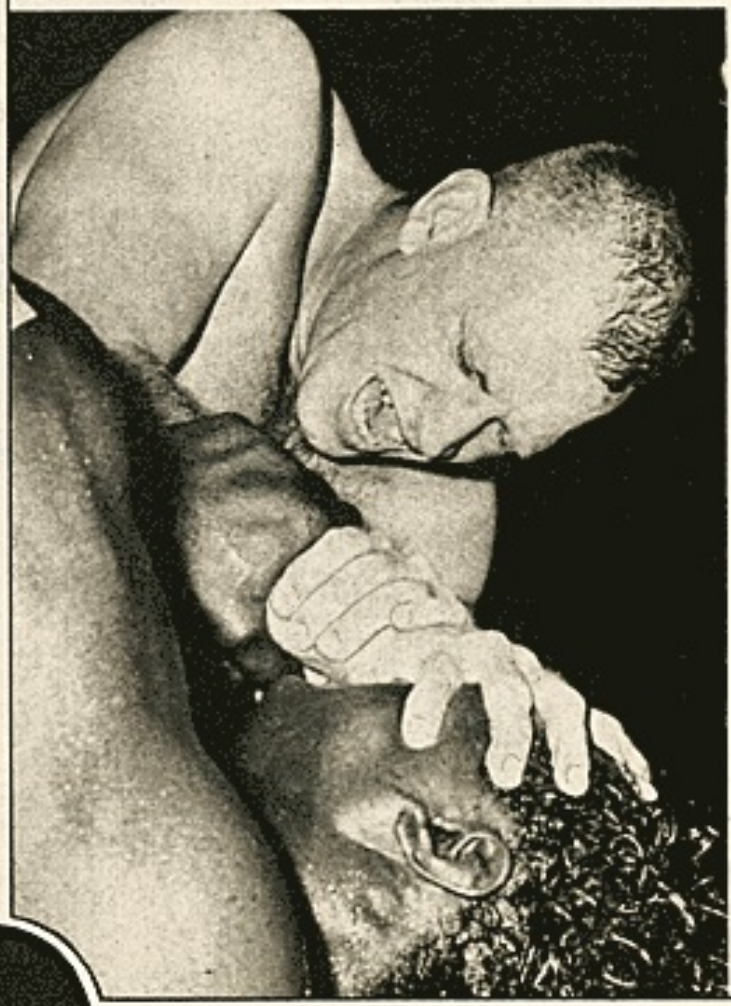
**INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

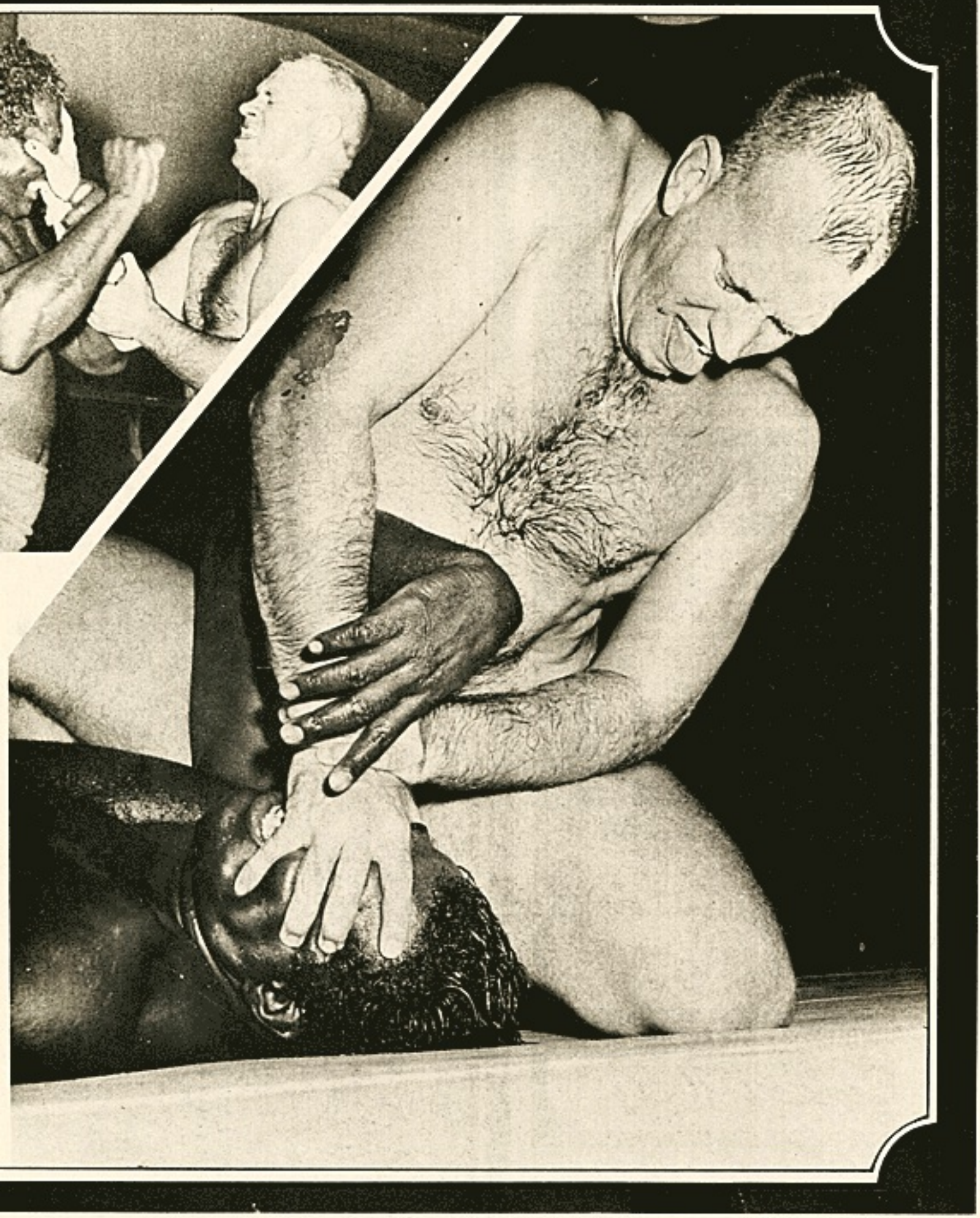
How would you like it if the biggest hand you ever saw on a human being was clawing at your face without a letup for more than half an hour? That's exactly what I was up against the night I wrestled that wildman, Fritz Von Erich. Every wrestling fan in the world has seen pictures of Von Erich clawing either his victim's face or stomach. But unless you happen to be the victim, you cannot begin to imagine the unbearable pain this monster can inflict with just his hand. Picture, if you can, one of those old steam shovels, the kind that had great big steel teeth under its basket. Remember how those steel teeth bit into the earth and scooped up a truckload at a time? That is exactly the feeling I had when Von Erich dug his steel-like fingers into my face or belly. It felt like he was tearing big chunks of flesh out of me. To this day I still don't know how I managed to walk out of that ring alive. But my stomach has never been the same since then.

WRITTEN AND APPROVED

*By Bobo Brazil*

*Just take a look at the big photo (right) and the one below. Von Erich's hand is so big that you can't even see my face. But just looking at pictures of Fritz's "Iron Claw" can't possibly give you even an idea of how terribly painful that hold is to the poor victim. I was horrified by the thought that he was going to rip the skin right off my face.*





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## SPECIAL SERIES No. 9

# LOU THESZ VS. THE BRUISER

### 'MY TOUGHEST BOUT'

**April 9, 1965**

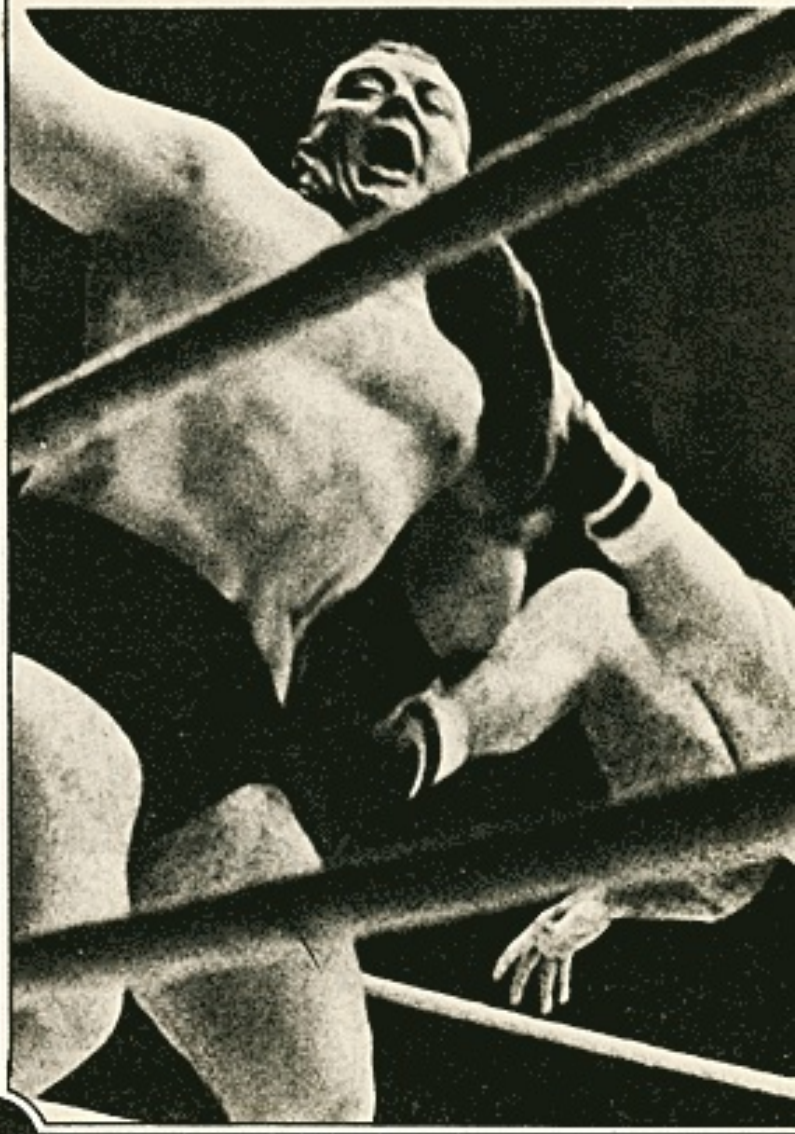
**ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**

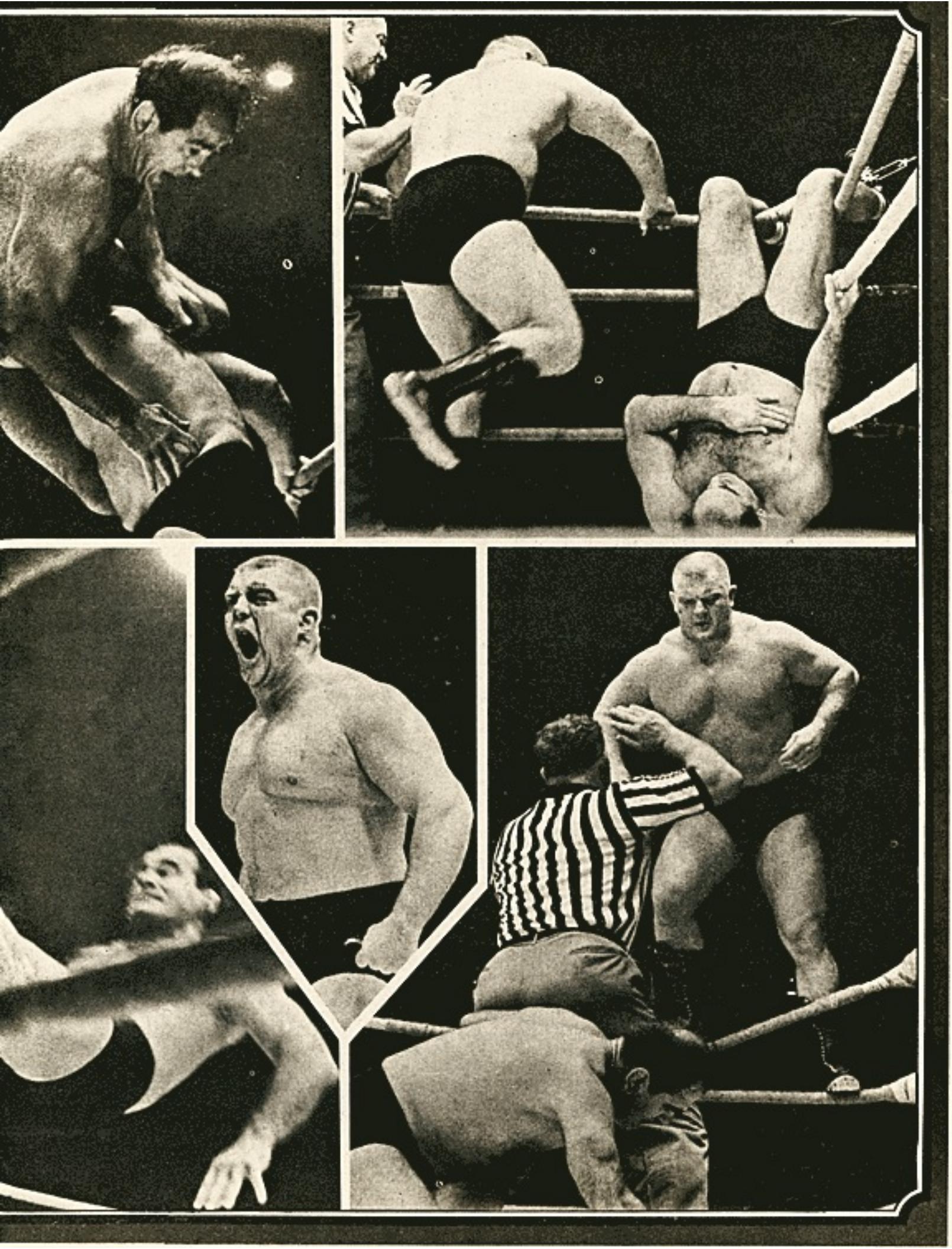
They asked me to pick the toughest bout I ever had. I can't do it. I have wracked my mind for a couple of weeks for the answer, but how the devil can a man who had more than 10,000 bouts in almost 30 years pick out one that was his toughest? All of them were tough! But I have to give the magazine people an answer. They have done a lot for me during my long career and I can't let them down. So I'll reach back into my memory and name the match that seems to stand out. It was against the Bruiser. Bruiser is one helluva wrestler. He's strong as an ox, tough as sheet of steel and he has as much guts as our kids in Viet Nam. That is a combination hard to beat. I really don't remember all the details of this particular match, but I do recall that he had me on the verge of quitting at least five times. I was very lucky to have won out in the end. I managed to do it, I suppose, because of my experience. He made only one mistake. But that was all I needed.

**WRITTEN AND APPROVED**

*By Lou Thesz*

*Look at the way he has me standing on my head (far right), completely helpless. Then see him hovering over me from the top rope, threatening to drop his 250 pounds on my back (far right, below). I finally managed to win with a series of drop-kicks (below). But, man, did he yell at the finish (below, center).*





## SPECIAL SERIES No. 10

# THE DESTROYER VS. GORGEOUS GEORGE

### 'MY TOUGHEST BOUT'

**November 11, 1962**

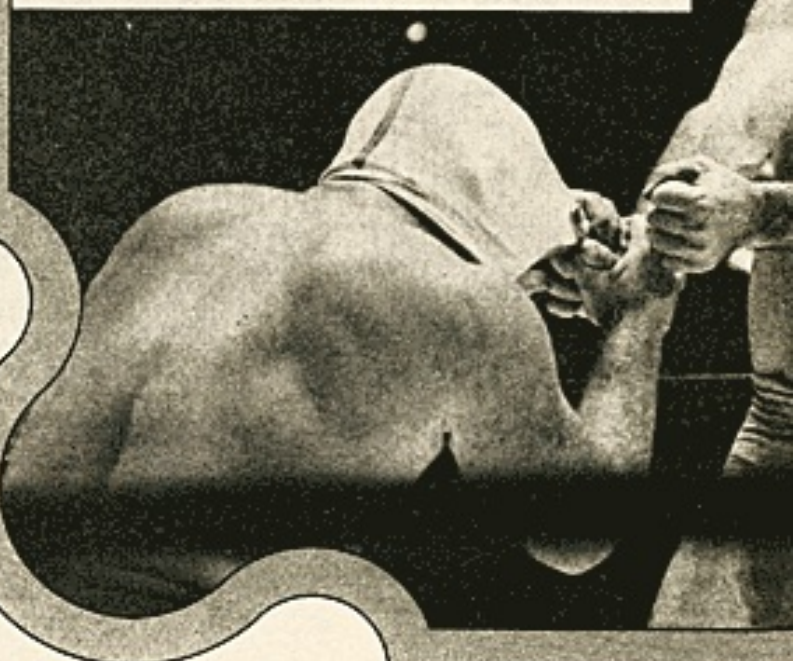
**LOS ANGELES**

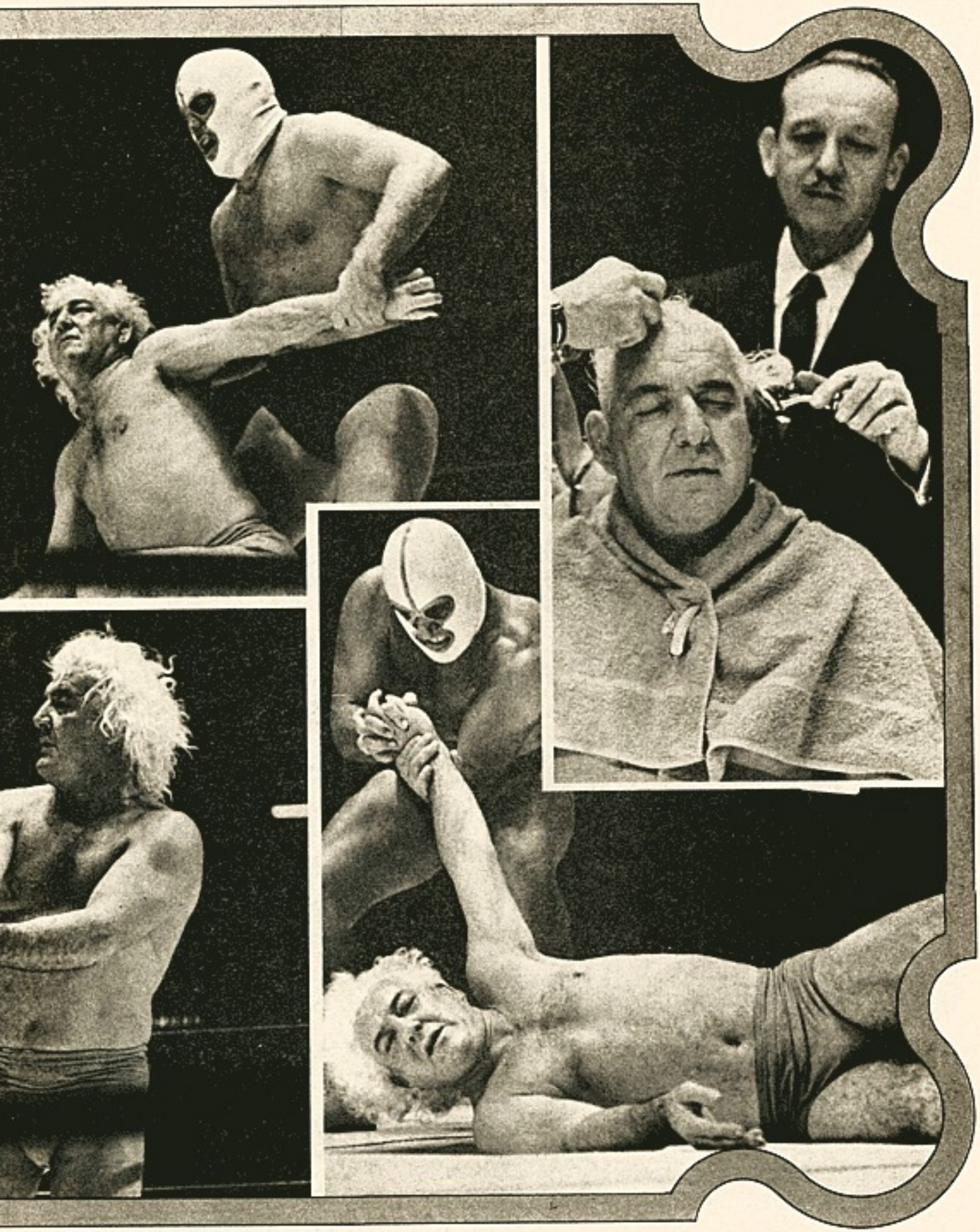
I go back many years to select my toughest match, and I confess that sentimental reasons may have influenced my decision. I have always admired Gorgeous George. He was, after all, the man who revolutionized professional wrestling. I consider it a great privilege to number George among the hundreds of famous wrestlers I have beaten over the years. But I regret to this day that George was forced—because of a pre-bout agreement—to have his beautiful golden hair clipped off right in the ring before thousands of people after I defeated him. It was, I think, the bitterest kind of humiliation that could have been inflicted on as proud a man as George. Unfortunately, George was never given just credit for being the great wrestler he was. And I can tell you that this man was a super-wrestler. There was nothing he couldn't do better than anybody else. And he did all of it to me. If ever I was lucky to win a match, it was the one with Gorgeous George.

**WRITTEN AND APPROVED**

*By The Destroyer*

*George was in the twilight of his career when I wrestled him, and I could only try to guess how great he must have been when in his prime. He came very close to ripping off my mask (below), and he was just great with flying tackles. I beat him by centering my attack on his arms (right and bottom, right). What happened after the match ended was to me a tragic sight. It had been agreed that if I lost I would unmask in the ring, and if he lost his golden hair would be clipped off, also in the ring. When the barber finished with George, he didn't have a strand of hair left (far right).*





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## SPECIAL SERIES No. 11

# 'COWBOY' BOB ELLIS VS. THE GREAT MAPHISTO

### *'MY TOUGHEST BOUT'*

**March 17, 1962**

**SAN ANGELO, TEXAS**

The Great Maphisto is not wrestling any more. And I can't tell you how glad I am that he quit the business. I don't know why he quit, and I don't care. The important thing is that I'll never have to wrestle him again. Once was more than enough. Maphisto was a giant of a man, much stronger than he looked. He wore a mask and it was frightening to see those coal-black eyes of his peering at you through the holes in the mask. He busted my face open with his fists and I think I lost a couple of quarts of blood before the doctors finally sewed me back together. I was determined to get revenge by pulling off his mask. I came very close to getting it off a couple of times, but the best I could do was rip off the part that covered his nose. We battled in the ring, out of the ring and in the aisles. I finally managed to pin him in the last fall to take the match, but I still can't figure out where I got the strength after losing all that blood.

**WRITTEN AND APPROVED**

*By Bob Ellis*

*I needed a blood transfusion after this bout, as you can see by looking at the pictures. But Maphisto needed a transfusion, too. There was nothing he would stop at, nothing he would not do if he figured it could help him win. He slugged me so much my head felt like a punching bag, and I spent a lot of time crawling around on my knees (below). If ever I considered myself lucky to win a match, this was it (bottom, opp. page).*

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# 'DON'T WORRY ABOUT MY BACK, PEDRO— I CAN CARRY HAYSTACK CALHOUN!'

## PEDRO MORALES LEARNED THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON OF HIS LIFE FROM A 95 POUND MIDGET

PEDRO MORALES NEVER took advantage of anybody in his whole life. At least that's what wrestling fans have believed for years. So you can imagine how terribly shocked Los Angeles fans were one recent night when big Pedro, all 220 pounds of him, hopped up onto the shoulders of a 95 pound midget and then dug his heels into the midget's side, much like a cowboy digs his spurs into his horse's flanks when he wants the animal to go faster.

This is the kind of thing you would expect from a Fred Blassie or a "Thunderbolt" Patterson, but never from a classic "Good Guy" like Pedro Morales. And yet, that is exactly what happened, as you can see from the pictures on these pages.

But before you go heaving any cigarette butts at Pedro, listen to the whole story:

The main bout that night in Los Angeles' Olympic Auditorium was a tag match; a very unusual "mixed" tag match between teams comprised of full-grown and midget wrestlers. Pedro Morales was on the one team. His partner was Lord Littlebrook. In the other corner was a savage gorilla who is called El Mongol and a blond midget who is billed as "Little Bruiser."

Morales, who rose to fame as the tag team partner of the great Pepper Gomez, had never been in a situation like this before. "I really didn't know what to do with a midget for a partner," Pedro explained later. "After all, how do you work with a midget?"

The midget gave Pedro the answer. "Don't you worry about me," Littlebrook told his hefty partner before the match. "But I can understand how you feel," Littlebrook said soothingly when he noticed the disturbed look on Morales' face.

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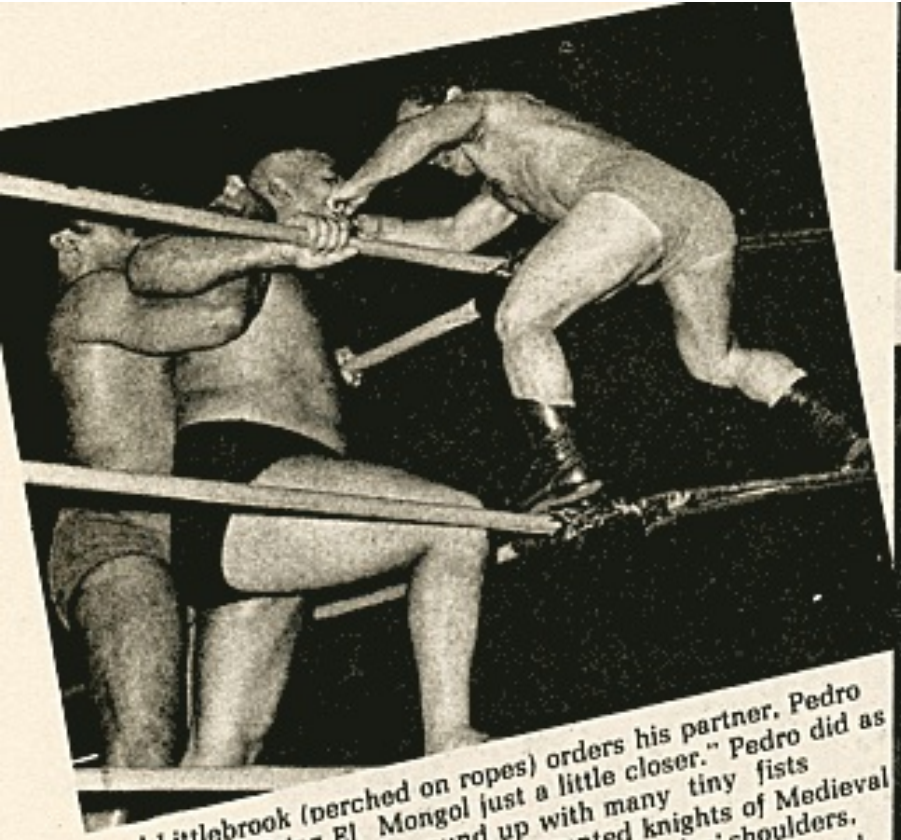
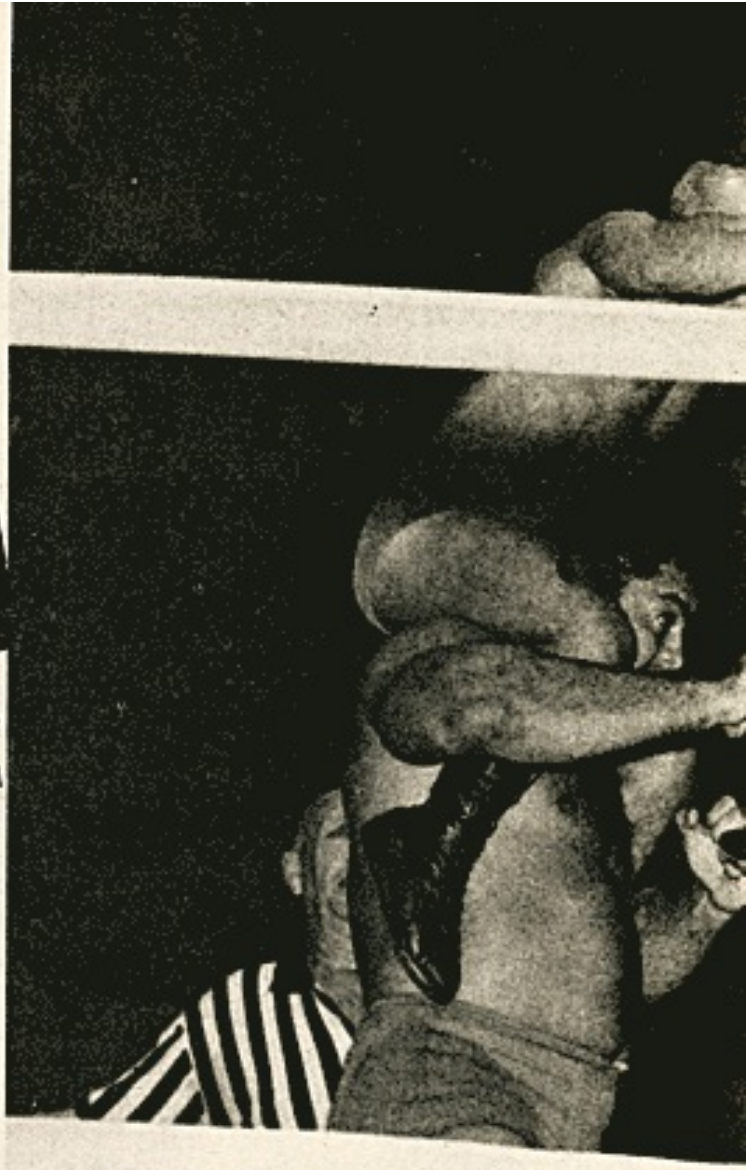
*Everybody who witnessed this scene was completely astonished to see a 95 pound midget carrying a 220 pound man on his back.*



Lord Littlebrook (perched on ropes) orders his partner, Pedro Morales, to "Bring El Mongol just a little closer." Pedro did as he was told and Mongol wound up with many tiny fists hammering away at his face. Like mounted knights of Medieval times, Littlebrook, mounted on Morales' shoulders, moves into combat against Mongol and Little Bruiser (right).



"Oh, I'm sure you can take care of yourself," Pedro said, not wanting to offend the little man. "It's just that I never had to work in a mixed match like this before. There could be problems, you know."

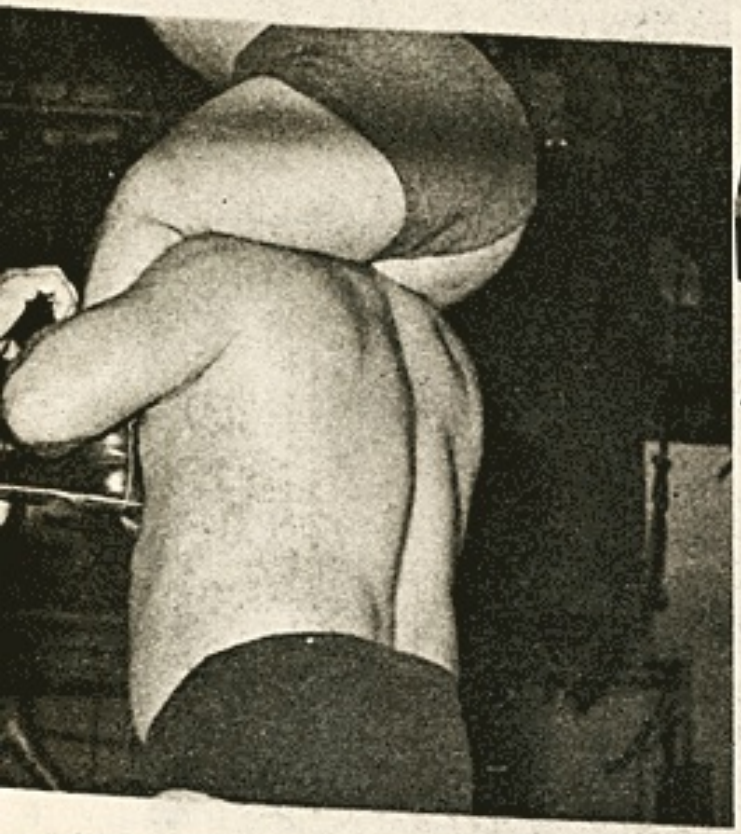
Littlebrook grinned. "You can have problems eating scrambled eggs. Like I said, I understand how you feel. But I can tell you that all the trouble is in your mind. I've been in more mixed matches than I can remember. One time I was Haystack Calhoun's partner, and Haystack weighs three times what you weigh, Pedro."

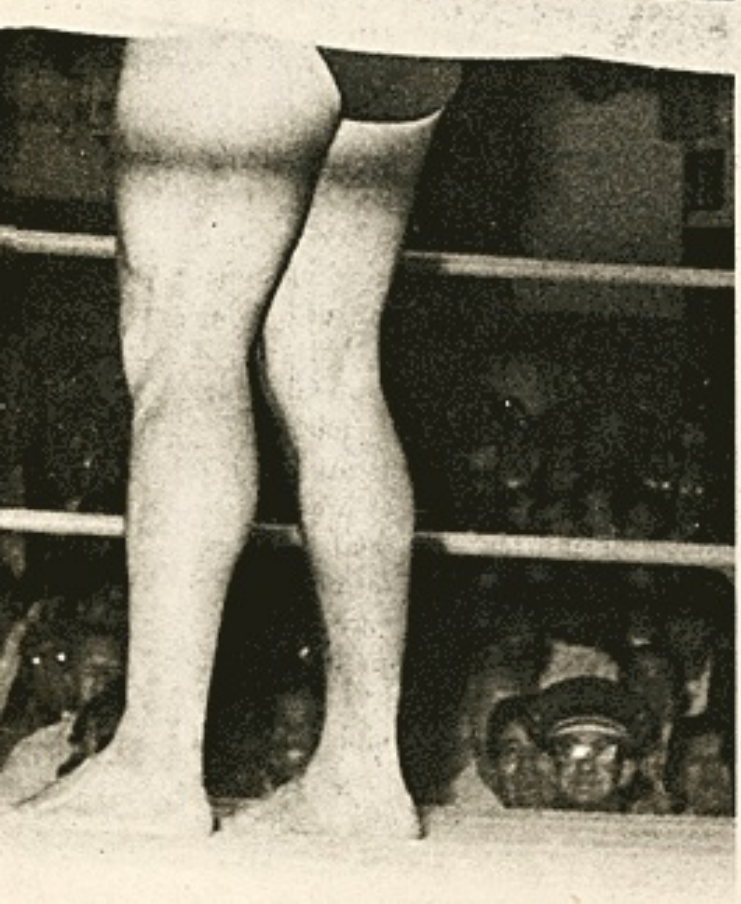
"You were Haystack Calhoun's partner?" Morales said with a startled look on his face.

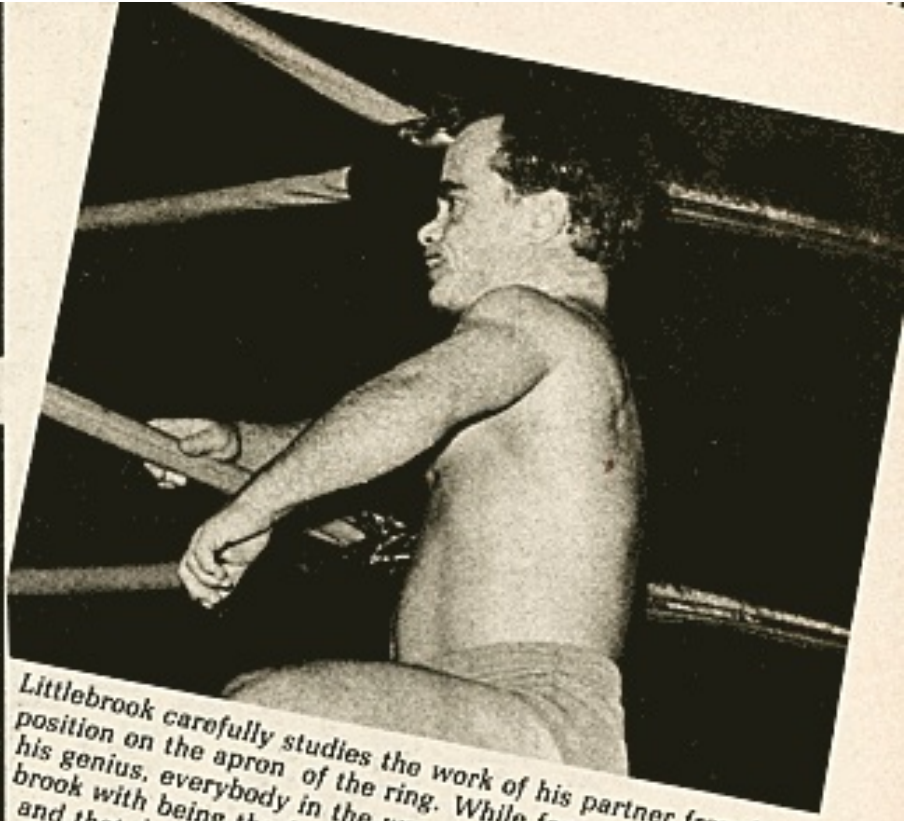
Littlebrook nodded his head. "I sure was. And we had no trouble at all working together. We won and everybody thought we were great."

Relieved by the midget's words, Morales began to discuss pre-bout strategy with his partner, but the vastly more experienced Littlebrook quickly took over. "Instant teamwork, that's the answer to winning these kind of matches," Littlebrook told his partner. "And don't ever worry that I'm going to get hurt. Like I told you before, I can take care of myself."

Littlebrook took very good care of himself. As a matter of fact, in their match against El Mongol and Little Bruiser, it was Littlebrook who called all the strategy for him and Morales. It was Littlebrook who







*Littlebrook carefully studies the work of his partner from his position on the apron of the ring. While fans have no idea of his genius, everybody in the wrestling business credits Littlebrook with being the finest strategist among today's wrestlers, and that includes normal-sized wrestlers as well as midgets. He is, they say, "just brilliant."*

said to Morales after they had won the first fall. "Pedro, we can give those two guys the shock of their lives in the next fall."

"How?" Pedro asked. The answer he got from Littlebrook astonished Morales.

"You jump up on my shoulders when I give you the signal," Littlebrook said.

There was a long pause while Morales picked at the wax deep in his ears to make sure he was hearing right. "Me jump on *your* shoulders?" the dumbfounded Pedro said.

"You dig me, man," the 95 pound midget said to his 220 pound partner.

"But I'll crush you to death," Morales said.

"The hell you will," Littlebrook said. "Don't let my size fool you. I can carry 400 pounds on my back. Why you're just a little guy," the midget said with a broad grin on his face.

Morales did as he was told. What's more, he wound up that night on the winning team. And at a press conference after the victory, Pedro said, "I learned a very important lesson tonight; never judge a man by his size. When I was first asked to wrestle with a midget as a partner, the thought revolted me. But now, after having experienced what I did tonight, I want to state publicly that whenever I am offered the same kind of opportunity in the future I will gladly accept. It will be my honor and my privilege." □

Why does luscious Brenda Scott conceal what she does for a living when a guy gets interested in her? Because . . .

Clutching Anne Casey by the hair, hellcat Brenda Scott lives up to her nickname by readying Casey for a fling into the nearest ringpost.

# 'MEN ARE AFRAID TO DATE ME!'

BY BOB VERLIN

GENERALLY SPEAKING, when a man thinks about a girl wrestler the furthest thing from his mind is the possibility of taking her out on a date. This is natural, because who would want to hold hands with a dame who makes a living smacking other dames around? That sort of thing just doesn't stimulate the normal male, who likes his women feminine and dainty.

But Brenda Scott is different. Although it is her business to smack other girls around, she is so feminine outside the ring, and so lovely and charming, too—that one flicker of her long eyelashes makes men pant with excitement.

Said one recent date who prefers not to be identified for "personal reasons": "I recently took Brenda out to dinner and a night club and I was never in my whole life so proud to have a woman on my arm. Everybody turned to look at

her, she was so radiantly beautiful. And I couldn't help wondering what those same head-turners would think if they knew that this magnificent creature was a professional wrestler."

What are Brenda's reactions? "I have found," she says, "that the average man is afraid to date a wrestler. I suppose that's natural though, because the man likes to feel that he is the strong one, and he wonders what would happen to him if he tried to dominate a professional wrestler. In my case, all I have to do is get a man to take me out the first time. I'll admit that I try to avoid telling him what I do for a living before that first date is made. We usually have such a good time that when he finally does find out, he doesn't care any more."

Don't get the idea that Brenda Scott has a hard time getting dates. She has a long waiting list 365 days a year, year in and year out. In fact, and she'll never admit it, she has to beat off the panting males with a club.

Brenda, who comes from Jacksonville, Fla., and looks exactly like a Florida beauty queen is supposed to look, is a perfectly-stacked 130 pounds, with deep blue eyes, platinum blonde hair and the most perfectly formed pair of "come kiss me lips" you ever saw. Those close to Brenda say that she could easily have become a movie sexpot had she chosen Hollywood instead of the ring.

Does she regret forsaking the movies for the mat? "Not on your life!" says Brenda with gusto. "Most any girl with a nice face and figure can make it in the movies if she gets the chance. But how many are strong enough, tough enough, brave enough and skillful enough to make it as a wrestler? Darn few!"

As you listen to Brenda spin the story of her life, you can feel the sincerity of her words. She isn't a braggart. Not at all. Instead she speaks honestly and openly. She never tries to hide anything and her supreme self-confidence shines through like a ray of bright sunshine.

"I am not the best girl wrestler in the world," she says. "Not yet. I still have much to learn. But give me a couple of years more and I'll be there on top."

It's the way she says things that give her words depth and meaning. A person who didn't have tremendous self-confidence could never sound like that. Perhaps that is the real reason why this most unusual woman casts a spell over all those she meets.

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When Brenda says she still has a lot to learn about wrestling, she knows what she's talking about. Although exceptionally fast and strong, she lacks polish and has yet to develop the knack of sliding smoothly from one hold to another.

One night in a small Texas town, Brenda was wrestling Anne Casey and midway in the bout she clamped a solid headlock on Casey. After wiggling Anne's pretty head around for a few seconds, Brenda flipped her to the mat. She then wanted to trade her headlock for a leglock. Quickly she released the headlock and reached for Casey's extended left leg.

But Anne was too smart to get hooked in so obvious a trap. She snapped her leg back and out of reach so that when Brenda made her lunge she got nothing but air. Not only that, with no leg waiting to break her momentum, Scott fell over and landed on her face. "I was so embarrassed," Brenda later said, "I wanted to cry."

But she's a girl who learns by such mistakes. She never forgets and she never makes the same mistake twice.

"I make believe that I have a pad and pencil in my head," she says with a grin, "and I write down everything, especially my mistakes. Then I work on those mistakes. I practice until I have them licked."

So far, Brenda Scott has licked most of the really important mistakes she has made. "Now I'm working on the little ones," she chuckles with a delicate flip of her cute head. "When I have those little ones licked, I'll have it made."

You sure will, Brenda. We can hardly wait.■

Casey must have found this position terribly monotonous. Brenda seemed to have everything her own way in this sizzling bout at Angleton, Texas. But it only looked that way. Actually, Casey was too experienced, and caused Scott to make many mistakes.

Brenda often got Casey in an advantageous position like this only to be outsmarted. After flipping Anne to the mat, Scott lost her hold when she tried to trade a headlock for a leglock. Casey pulled away and Scott fell flat on her face.

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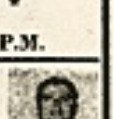

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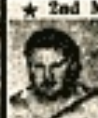

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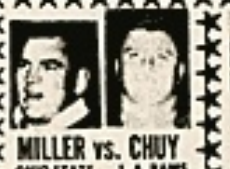

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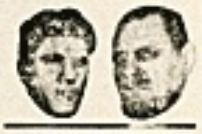

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# THE NIGHT

*"THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO ME IS THAT I FOUND KINISKI'S BIG WEAKNESS."*

ABE JACOBS SPAT a wad of blood on the dressing room floor. His water-soaked black hair hung in long strands over his sweating face and ugly purplish welts pocked his naked body.

Abe Jacobs did not look like a winner. He wasn't. Abe Jacobs had just lost the most important battle of his life, but he took it like a man. Abe Jacobs is a man who has class. Lots of class.

"I thought I had him beaten half a dozen times," Jacobs said sadly. "But he got away every time. He's good. Very good."

Jacobs was talking about the man who had just defeated him; the champion, Gene Kiniski. But Jacobs was thankful for one thing—he had had his chance at the title in Charlotte, North Carolina. Although Abe Jacobs was born in New Zealand, which is just about as far away from Charlotte, N.C., as you can get, "Charlotte,"

# ABE JACOBS CRIED

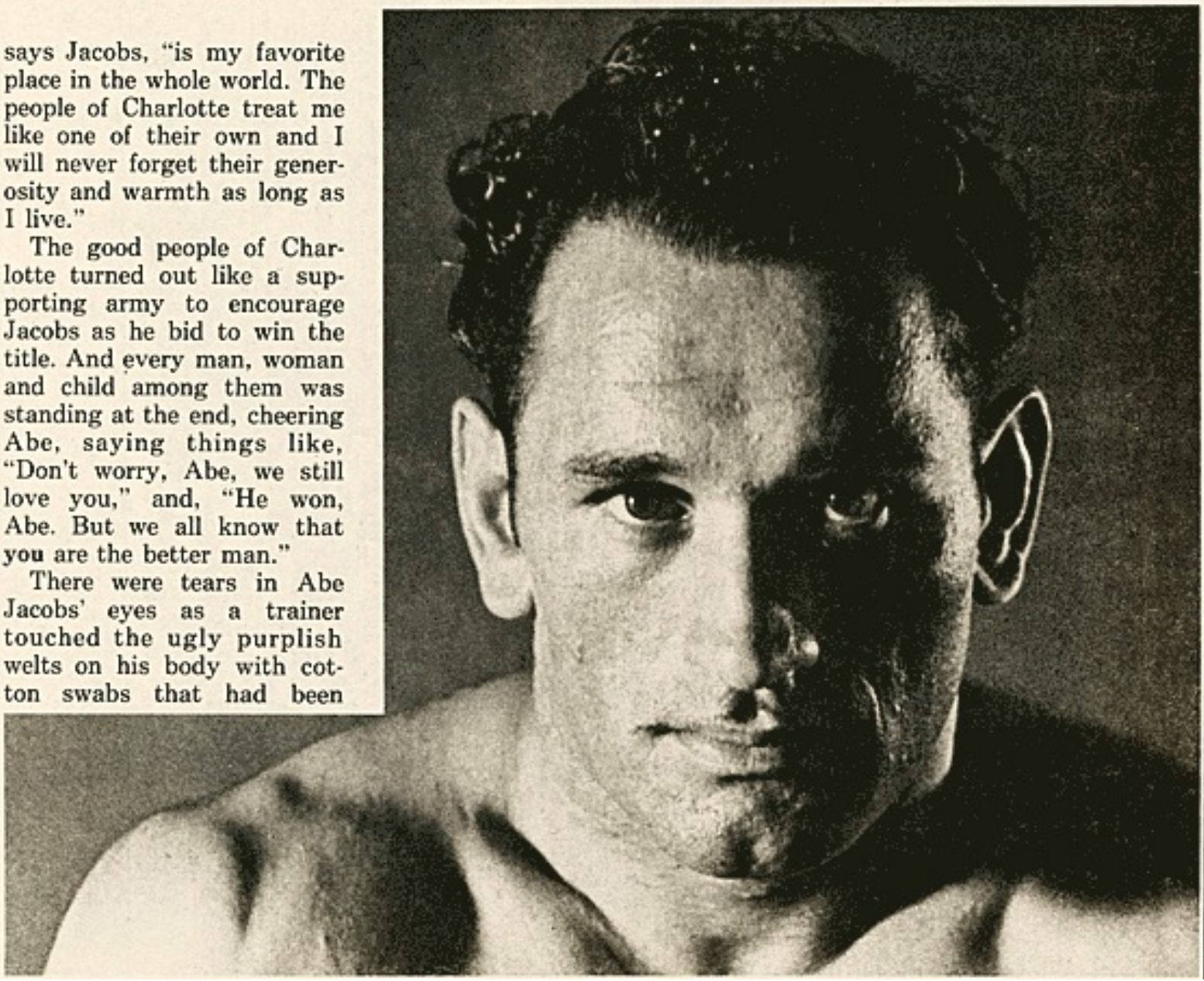
**AFTER YEARS OF TRYING, ABE FINALLY GOT HIS CHANCE AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP. BUT INSTEAD OF WINDING UP WITH THE CROWN, HE WOUND UP WITH A FACE FULL OF TEARS**

*"KINISKI IS JUST TREMENDOUS. A REAL CHAMPION."*

says Jacobs, "is my favorite place in the whole world. The people of Charlotte treat me like one of their own and I will never forget their generosity and warmth as long as I live."

The good people of Charlotte turned out like a supporting army to encourage Jacobs as he bid to win the title. And every man, woman and child among them was standing at the end, cheering Abe, saying things like, "Don't worry, Abe, we still love you," and, "He won, Abe. But we all know that you are the better man."

There were tears in Abe Jacobs' eyes as a trainer touched the ugly purplish welts on his body with cotton swabs that had been



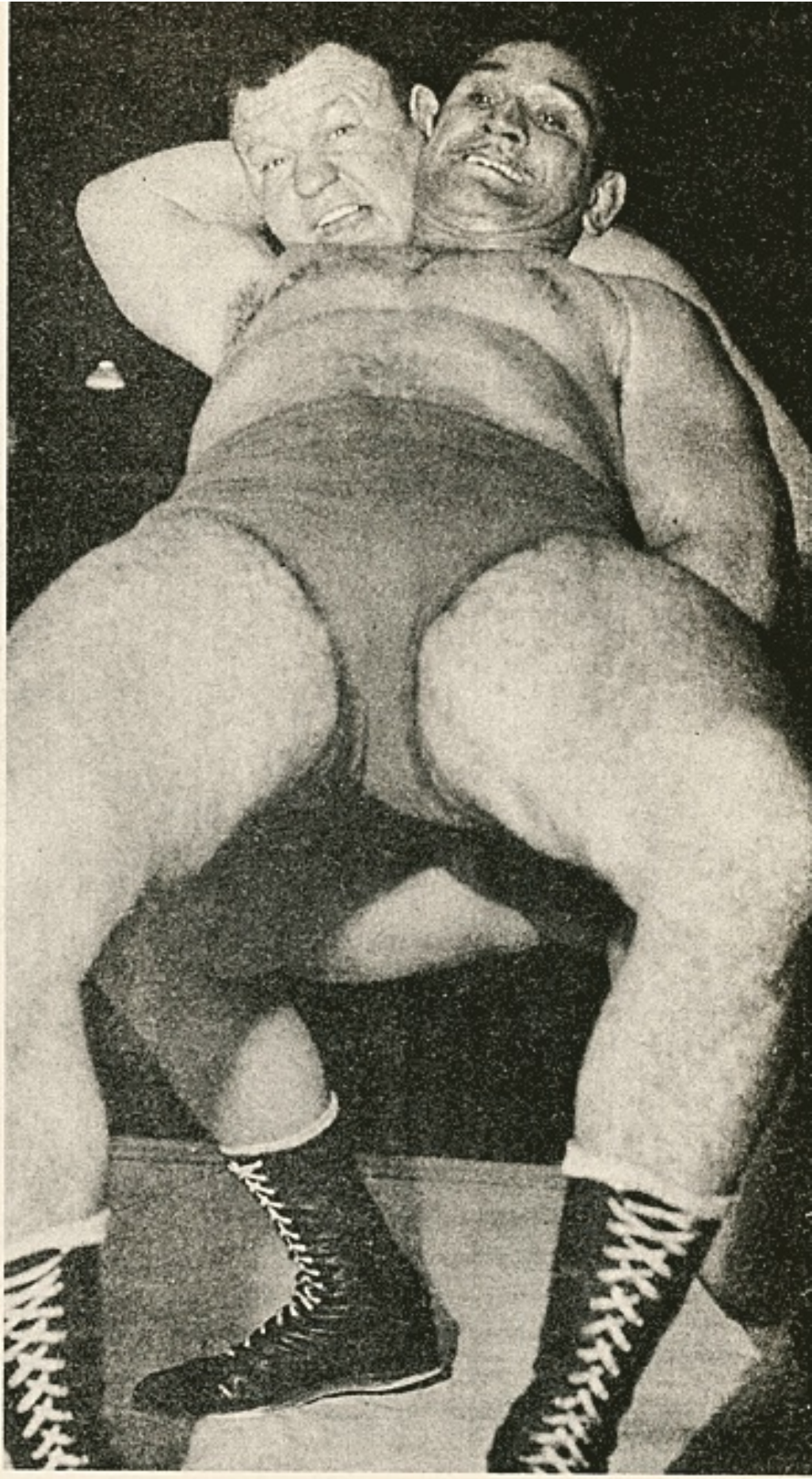
soaked in alcohol. Although the alcohol felt like a hot poker each time it touched broken skin, Jacobs' tears were not caused by physical pain. "Those wonderful, wonderful people," Abe mumbled through bloody lips, "I let them down. When I lost tonight I let them down. I wonder what they really think of me now?"

Abe Jacobs got his answer as he stepped out of the dressing room about an hour later and walked straight into a crowd of several hundred—all ages and all sizes—who were there to make sure Abe understood that the entire city of Charlotte was still with him, and always will be, no matter if he wins or loses.

Abe understood. And as he himself put it, "I would have to be pretty stupid not to get their message. What marvelous people."

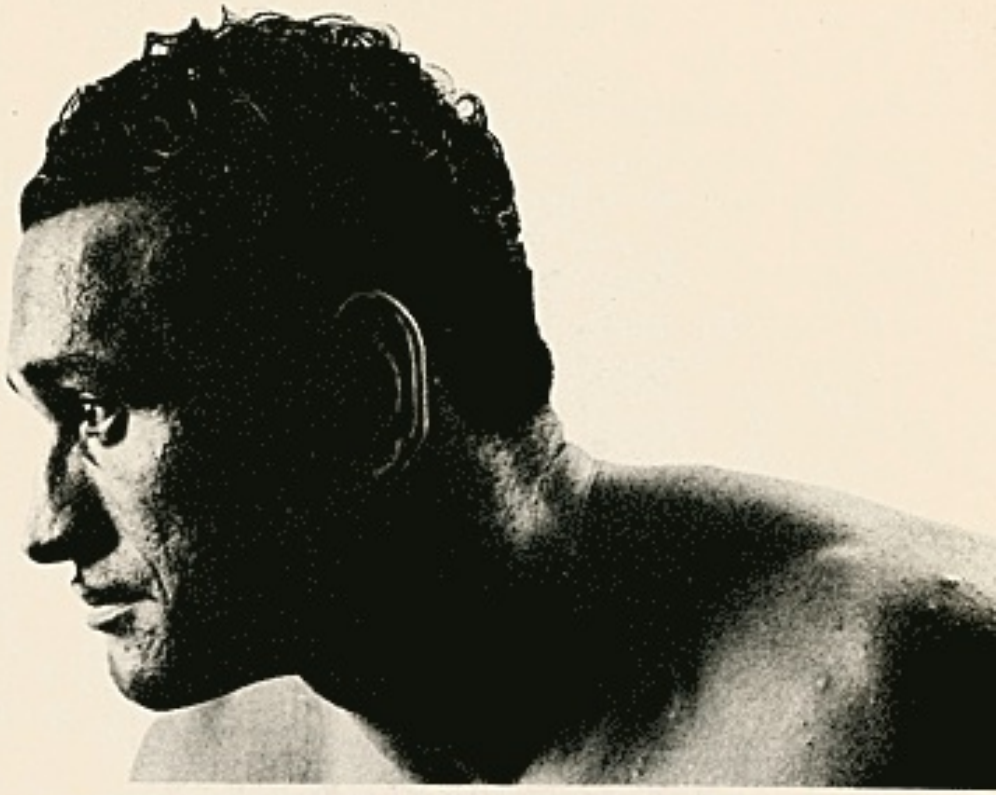
Jacobs wrestled his heart out against Kiniski. The reason he probably is not champion today is that he became over-anxious each time he thought he had Kiniski on the verge of defeat, which allowed the champion to break away. Greatly experienced wrestlers like Kiniski never allow even the slightest opportunity to slip by and, as Abe Jacobs and so many others like him have learned—the hard way—you can't afford to make even one mistake against a champion.

After the bout had gone about seven minutes, Jacobs snapped an "Australian Crab" on Kiniski. It is Abe's favorite hold and it is pure murder on the victim. Bending both of Kiniski's legs back almost to the breaking point, Jacobs



*Jacobs struggles to break out of Kiniski's painful hammerlock during thrilling title match at Charlotte, N.C. "I gave it all I had," Jacobs said after the bout, "and my deepest regret is that I let the wonderful people of Charlotte down."*

*"IF I EVER GET TO WRESTLE HIM AGAIN, MY STRATEGY WILL BE MUCH DIFFERENT THAN LAST TIME."*



was short and to the point: "Drop dead!"

So Abe Jacobs kept applying the tremendous pressure and Gene Kiniski kept grunting in agony as he tried to survive until Jacobs made a mistake. Jacobs made the mistake after he had had Kiniski locked up tight for about three minutes. In an effort to get better leverage by spreading his own legs farther apart, Jacobs relaxed his pressure on the hold for a fraction of a second. That was all the champion needed. With a twist of his body at exactly the right moment, Kiniski freed himself.

Furious at himself, Jacobs swarmed at the limping champion and made a desperate attempt to regain the hold. Kiniski wouldn't let him do it. Abe Jacobs had blown his golden opportunity.

Commenting on that incident later, Kiniski said, "He had me dead. But I don't think he knew it. That hold growled, "Quit before I break your legs!" Kiniski's answer he had on me is a great hold. One of the best I have ever seen. But it has one big trouble. If he lets up the pressure for just a second you can break it with no sweat. I think that had he kept up the straight pressure for say another 10 or 15 seconds I probably would have given him the title. The pain from that hold is so bad I can't put it into words."

Abe Jacobs promised the people of Charlotte that, given another opportunity to battle for the world championship, he would not make that same mistake again.

"I suppose," Abe said slowly, "that if I wrestled professionally for a hundred years, there still would be a lot for me to learn. I have been wrestling now for about 15 years, which is a long way from a hundred years, but I think that I learned more from this one match with Kiniski than I learned from all the others I've had. And I can assure you, my friends, that although Gene may beat me again in a return bout, I will not lose because I made the same mistake."

The people of Charlotte believed Abe Jacobs, as they have always believed everything he has ever told them. And, speaking for the people of Charlotte, wrestling promoter "Big" Jim Crockett said to Jacobs, "Abe, I promise you another crack at Kiniski's title. Even if it takes $100,000 of my money to get him to come back to Charlotte, I promise you another chance. I am telling you this, Abe, because I think, as do all the people of this great city, that you deserve a second chance more than any other man in this business. And, just as we were all solidly behind you the first time, we will all be solidly behind you the next time."

And all Abe Jacobs could say was, "Thank you, all. Thank you from the very bottom of my heart."

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ing songs.
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*An Important Message*

# To Every Man And Woman

*In America*

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IT WAS A WARM Sunday night in Honolulu last January. There had been a special wrestling show held at Schofield Barracks, the famous U.S. Army post that had provided the background for James Jones immortal novel "From Here To Eternity."

Jim Hady was on that wrestling card. He wrestled beautifully, as he always did, and he won. But when he got back to his dressing room, Jim said that he didn't feel well. He stretched out on a battered, leather-covered rubbing table and tried to sleep.

He couldn't sleep, and after a few restless minutes Jim got up, dressed, and went to the place where he lived. When he got there, he collapsed. A short while later, he was pronounced dead.

The Associated Press flashed the sad news back to the mainland, where it was picked up by newspapers in Detroit, Toronto, San Francisco, Montreal and Cleveland, cities in which Jim Hady had appeared as a professional wrestler. Thousands of people who read that wire story remembered Jim and were deeply saddened by the news. And the many wrestlers who knew Jim and wrestled against him were also shocked. Ricky Cortez, a tough, gorilla-of-a-man who had worked several times against Hady in and around Detroit couldn't believe it. "I can't remember the number of times I tried to murder Jim," Cortez said sadly. "But he was a man. A real man whom I came to respect more than anybody else in this business. Hady had class. Like the time I wrestled him in Flint... I was really roughing him when he suddenly came to life and dropped me with a right on the

chin. Do you know what he did? He said, 'excuse me.'"

Jim Hady is dead. But for those who knew him it is impossible to believe. Why he wasn't even 30 years old, and he had the body of an Atlas. Strong as a tiger, Jim was. He took care of himself with the same tenderness a mother takes care of her infant son. In the gym every day. Never eating anything that is fried. Getting 10 hours of sleep every night. How could Jim Hady be dead?

Jim Hady was born and raised in Detroit. He was short for a professional wrestler, only 5 ft. 10. But he had the brawn, 235 pounds of it, without an ounce of fat. Some called him more of an acrobat than a wrestler. But that wasn't true. Jim Hady did have remarkable acrobatic skills, but he also had every qualification of a champion. Jim blended this rare combination of talents together and the result was a brilliant professional wrestler who never once failed to thrill an audience or astonish an opponent.

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**3**
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**4**
DON'T load your honorary down with endless club details. As the club prexy, *you* are expected to worry about finances, budgeting, correspondence and the like.

**5**
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**7**
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**8**
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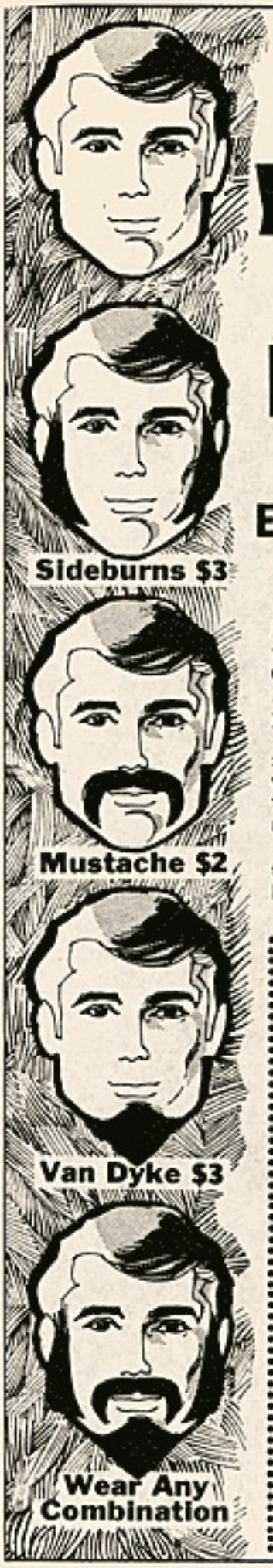


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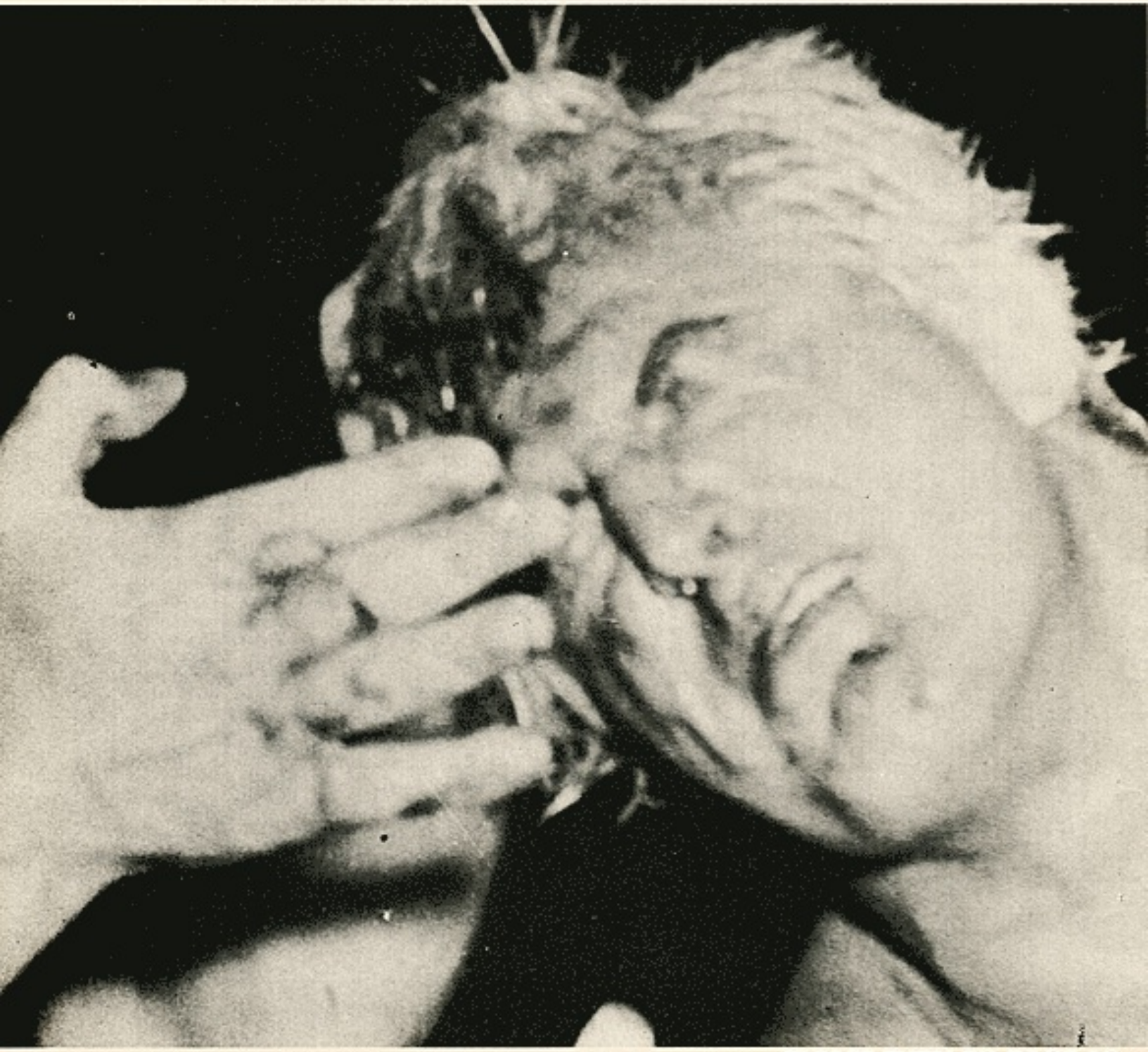



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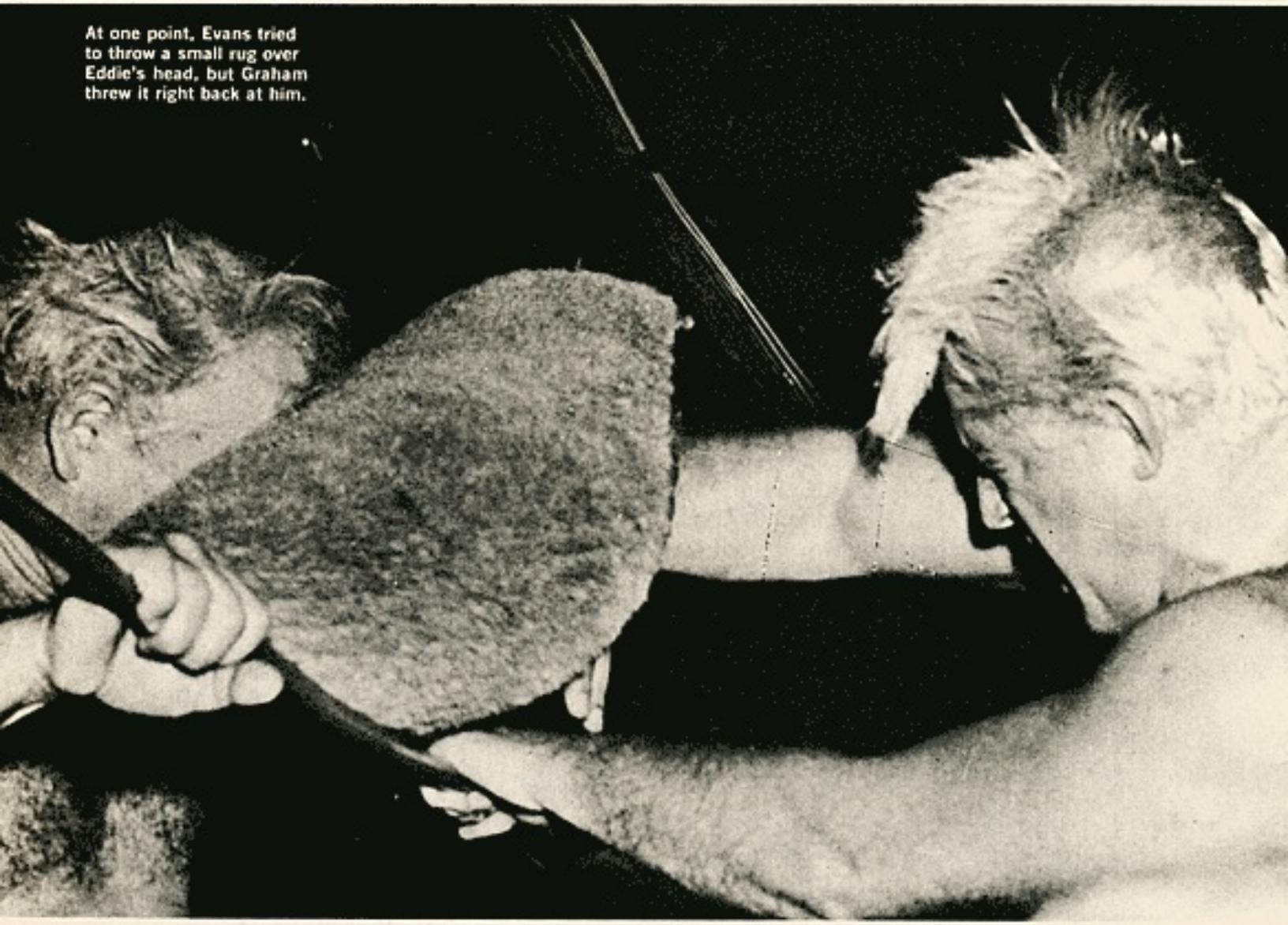

At one point, Evans tried to throw a small rug over Eddie's head, but Graham threw it right back at him.

IT HAPPENED BACK in December of 1955. In Amarillo, Texas. What a night that was! I'll never forget it if I live to be a thousand. How can you forget when somebody does his damnedest to rip an eye out of your head?

The gorilla who tried to blind me is not wrestling any more. Which is a break for all of us. His name was Don Evans, and he had fingers of steel. He liked to bust up opponents, make them bleed and beg to quit. And when he had a guy stretched out on the mat, Evans liked to grind a boot into his face. Nice fellow!

I had wrestled him twice before that night in Amarillo. He had beaten me in Tulsa, but then I knocked him cold with a flying tackle a few weeks later in Oklahoma City.

When we stepped into the ring at Amarillo, Evans came over to me before we were introduced and rasped: "Graham, I'm gonna pay you back for what you did at Oklahoma City . . . I'm gonna tear an eyeball right outta your head!"

I figured he was just shooting off his mouth, trying to scare me. So I grinned and told him to get the hell back to his corner before I got mad.

Less than a minute after the bell rang, I realized that Evans wasn't kidding. He lashed out with his fingers at my face, just like a clawing cat. I jerked my head back just in time. Don lashed out again, but I was too fast and he missed.

I began to worry because I could see that this guy wasn't out just to win. He wanted blood. Mine!

I tried complaining to the referee, but Evans never gave me the chance. He kept pressing, moving me into the ropes and smacking me in the ribs so that I would lower my guard.

I knew that I mustn't let him get me in a headlock because if he did my eyes would be an easy target. But I couldn't help myself when he brought his knee up into the pit of my stomach. I doubled over like a hairpin and—BOOM! He had my head locked under his massive right arm.

I tried to kick loose. But the more I kicked, the more he increased the pressure.

The pressure didn't worry me, but I knew that Don was setting me up so he could do something to my eyes. This, I admit, scared the hell out of me.

After keeping the pressure on for about a minute and a half, Evans made his move. *I felt his fingers inching slowly toward my eye.*

I let out a howl and jerked my whole body back and forth in a desperate effort to break free. But I couldn't. I was trapped like an animal.

In terror, I closed my eyes tight. But that didn't do any good. When he dug his finger into my right eye, it penetrated through the lid, causing me to open the eye.

Of course I was screaming all the time, hoping the referee would rescue me. The fans knew what was happening, even though the referee did not, and they shouted: "Stop him! Stop him!" But their cries did no good. And by the time the referee came out of his trance it was too late.

Evan's steel-like finger dug deeper into my eye. I felt sharp, throbbing pains stab through my whole head. My only defense was to keep jerking my head to prevent him from getting a really solid grip.

I was close to panic. I had to break that headlock immediately—or lose an eye. The question was: how?

The only way, under the circumstances, was to foul him. I tried to grab his hair, but he kept me bent over and I couldn't reach it. Then it occurred to me: stick my finger in *his* eye.

With all my remaining strength, I aimed at where I thought his left eye was and shot out my finger. Pow! Had it hit dead center, Evans would surely have lost his eye. But it struck the left side and the full impact was absorbed on part of his nose. However the shock was enough to make him release the headlock. At last I was free, but my eye felt as if it were on fire.

The remainder of the match—which went to a half-hour draw—was uneventful. When I got back to the dressing room I looked into the mirror and was horrified to see that the white of my eye had turned a cherry-red. I knew that several blood vessels had been ruptured and that I'd better rush to a hospital.

An old pal of mine, Dory Funk, who also wrestled on that show, drove me to the hospital, where they treated my eye and asked me to come back the next day for an intensive examination. After completing that examination, the specialist told me how lucky I had been not to have lost the eye. "But," he said, "your sight has been permanently impaired, and as you grow older, your vision will become worse."

I never saw Don Evans again, which is probably a break for both of us, because if I had ever caught up with him I think I'd have killed him. ■

Remarkable closeup photo shows Graham frantically trying to avoid Evans' stabbing fingers. "I was close to panic," Eddie recalls. "I had to break Don's grip immediately—or lose an eye. The question was: how?"

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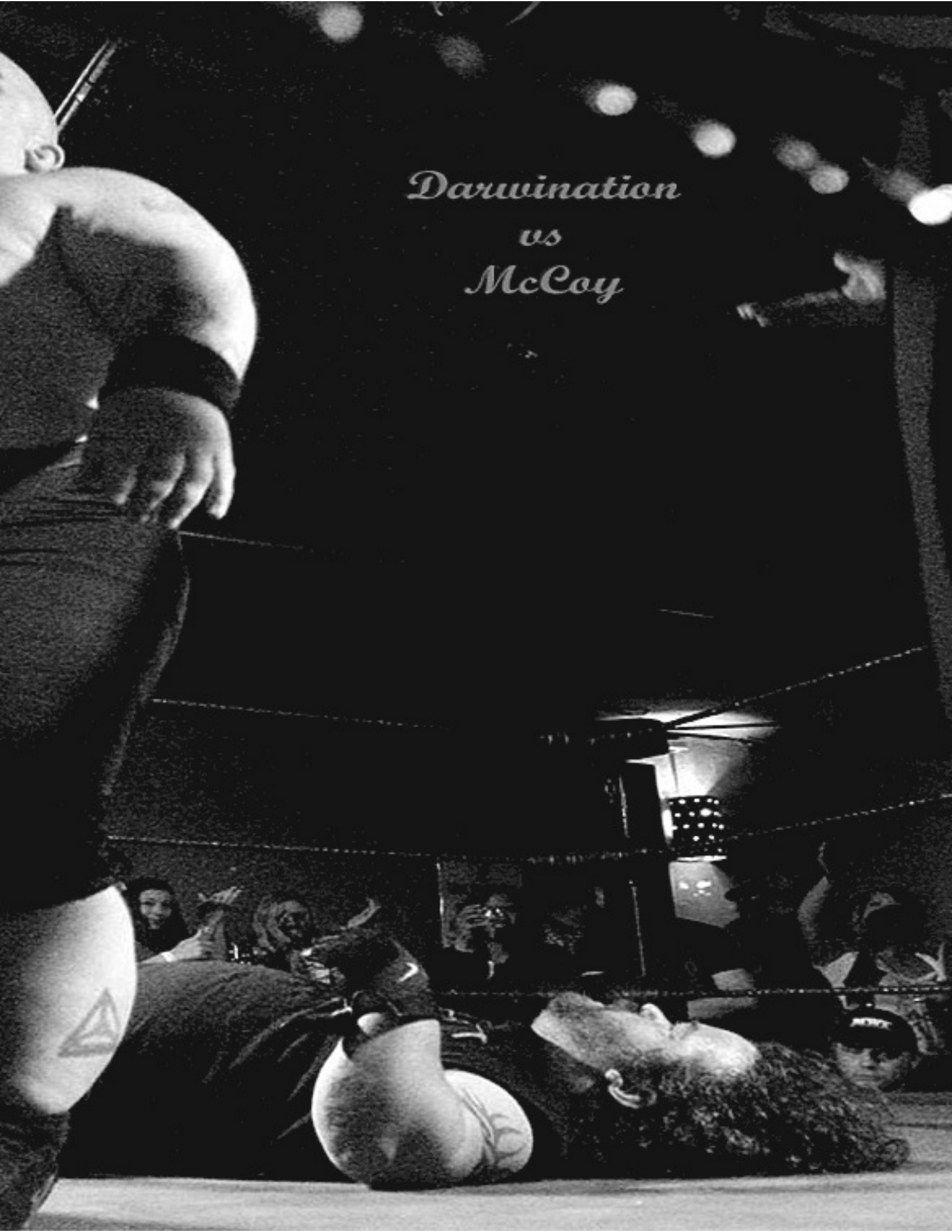
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